## Call to Order
The Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman Cassidy. Present were: Larry Cassidy, Shawn Wonnacott, Louis Fantini, William Marvin, Dennis Keiser and Randy Bricker, Sr. Les Atchison had an excused absence. Dr. Thomas Charlton was in attendance as a non-voting member of the committee.

Also in attendance were George Korthauer (Allied EMS Systems, Inc.), Dr. Peter Olson (North Central Michigan College), and Marty Krupa (Emmet County Interim Controller).

There was no public comment.

## Approval of Agenda
The agenda was approved by consent.

**Motion made by Bricker and seconded by Fantini to approve the minutes from the Ambulance Advisory’s December 30th, 2013 meeting.**

**Motion carried in a unanimous voice vote.**

There were no communications.

### Communications Service Provider Reporting Mackinaw City
Mackinaw City provided their monthly ambulance run and financial report. *Attachment #1*

### Allied EMS
Allied EMS provided their monthly ambulance run and financial report. *Attachment #2*

It was noted that transfer runs were up and this was due to Allied’s contract with McLaren. George Korthauer (Allied EMS) noted that a mileage report, the year end report, and a chart of accounts would be provided to the AAC by the next meeting.

The Equipment/First Responder Work Group did not have a report, but Committee Member Randy Bricker, Sr. did note that Carp Lake, Alanson and Pellston would be meeting to see if a plan to work together could be developed in order to improve first responder coverage in those areas.

The Facilities Work Group’s meeting had to be cancelled, so there was not a formal report.

### Operational Work Group
Chairman Cassidy reported that the Operational Work Group did not have a specific report, but did note that the Village of Mackinaw City is in the middle of their budgeting process and would have more information for the AAC soon.

Chairman Cassidy provided a hand out of Annual Funding Requirements. *Attachment #3*
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There was discussion about each category of funding:

1. Facilities
   - It was noted that there was a deed restriction on the property at M-119, but county staff was researching the possibility of purchasing another parcel to accommodate an ambulance facility.
   - For the Petoskey location the City had requested a small storage building and that was included in the projected facilities amount.
   - The crews will be able to work out of existing locations while facilities are being built or remodeled.

2. Equipment
   - Mackinaw City has one good ambulance that is five years into its expected 10 year life span. However, their back up truck is not reliable.
   - Will Emmet County purchase the providers existing assets? This is still being determined. Over time this will roll over as part of the replacement schedule.

3. Operational
   - The most common way other municipalities handle the operational expenses are to make each provider “whole” at the end of each month.
   - Commissioner Wonnacott noted that the Charlevoix Townships need to be addressed by Allied to ensure that Emmet County taxpayers were not subsidizing service to another county.
   - Karla Buckmaster, Emmet County resident, asked about Cheboygan County, as serviced by the Village of Mackinaw City. Chairman Cassidy responded that this had not been addressed at this time and it was estimated that 80% of their service area is Emmet County.

4. Medical First Responders/Contingency
   - Some of these funds could be used for first responder agencies that had equipment or training needs. They would have to apply and justify needs to the AAC.
   - The contingency fund would grow and be available for unexpected, urgent needs.

Public Comment

Announcements

Adjournment

• Karla Buckmaster, Emmet County resident, expressed concern about
townships that already pay for first responders, such as Bear Creek.

It was noted by Commissioner Wonnacott that the biggest portion of the taxes that Bear Creek levies covers fire service.

*Motion made by Bricker and seconded by Fantini to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that Emmet County fund $1,347,000 for ambulance service.*

George Korthauer, Allied EMS, thinks that the numbers are too low.

Committee member Keiser, felt that the number for facilities was too low. Other things need to be considered, such as furnishings.

Chairman Cassidy noted that if the Board of Commissioners chose to move forward with ambulance funding, the staff would give direction and recommendation as how to fund it.

*Motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.*

Chairman Cassidy stated that he would also recommend to the Board of Commissioners that the AAC continue to oversee the ambulance service funding.

Commissioner Wonnacott expressed that he wanted the Board of Commissioners to give the AAC direction as to what the committee should do at this point.

Committee member Marvin stated the possibility of a three person executive committee to work with vendors to be able to quickly address issues/needs as they arise. Chairman Cassidy noted that this was a possibility, but that staff options needed to be considered, as well.

Karla Buckmaster expressed concerns about the numbers being too low and the possibility of the county coming back to taxpayers and increasing amounts needed. She is concerned that the dollar amounts keep snowballing. She does not want the AAC to try to trick the taxpayers.

The next Ambulance Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday, February 24th, 2014 at 8:30 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners room, 200 Division Street, Petoskey, MI 49770.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned.