

**The Joint Fire District  
Meeting Minutes  
Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- A. Call to Order** – meeting called to order by Fessler, 6:30pm
- B. Roll Call:** Present: Hess, Fessler, Gray, Stull, Gross **Absent:** None
- C. Public Participation** Newton Art Club, Ms Cosby, and Ms Davis present artwork completed by student of the JFD emblem to hang in the newly remodeled EMS room.

**D. Approval and Signing of Minutes:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular board meeting on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 be approved as received from the clerk.

Moved by Gray                      Seconded by Gross  
Discussion:    Roll Call:    Ayes 5    Nays 0    Motion Passed

**E. Clerk Report**

Accept the financial report and as presented by the clerk. Approval to pay bills as presented.

Moved by Hess                      Seconded by Stull  
Discussion:    Roll Call:    Ayes 5    Nays 0    Motion Passed

**F. EMS Reports**

- 45 calls (11 Mutual Aid out – 10 to Union Twnshp) / 3 IN two of which no coverage)
- First Due Schedule/Billing Software, 5 more modules to get through
- Talked with Medicount, EMS Billing provider. Everything looks good. However, they recommend we update our rates. We haven't changed since 2012 and are the lowest in the county. Keep in mind, these rates are billed to the insurance companies only, not directly to the patient.
- 4 employees contacted who haven't worked in the last 8 months. No response from any of them. It is assumed they are no longer interested in working here.
- March Schedule: 30 of 62 shifts covered, 19 with one, 7 zero coverage, and 6 half covered. Mostly nights and weekends not covered.
- Drug license needs renewed

**G. Fire Reports**

- 7 calls, 3 MVAs, 2 Carbon Monoxide, and 2 others
- 1 Mutual aid out, tanker to barn fire
- Heater in bay area has been replaced
- Troy offering training tomorrow eve for fire. 7 volunteers plan to attend
- Sutphen called to discuss approval of ~\$12,000 in add-ons that were discussed during previous meetings. Adam going to follow up and go over all of them prior to board recommended approval

**H. Action Items**

EMS Chief recommends we up our billing rates to be in line with neighboring communities. New Rates: BLS Rate \$800, ALS 1 Rate \$1,000, ALS 2 Rate \$1,200, and mileage rate \$20.

Moved by Fessler                      Seconded by Gray  
Discussion:    Roll Call:    Ayes 5    Nays 0    Motion Passed

Fire Chief recommends the board approve 30 Survivor Right Angle Lights. Not to exceed \$2,000 total purchase price for all.

Moved by Stull                      Seconded by Hess  
Discussion:    Roll Call:    Ayes 5    Nays 0    Motion Passed

EMS Chief recommends the board approve the Drug License Renewal, maximum purchase price not to exceed \$500.

Moved by Fessler      Seconded by Stull  
Discussion:    Roll Call:    Ayes 5    Nays 0    Motion Passed

Board approves travel for the clerk to Columbus for , not to exceed\$ 800.00

Moved by Gray      Seconded by Hess  
Discussion:    Roll Call:    Ayes 5    Nays 0    Motion Passed

**I. Other Business / Action Items**

Board and officers to meet with S3D consultants on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss Vision, Mission, and Values.

**J. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gross, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stull. Vote: 5 Yes 0 No. Time: 8:02pm

Approval of Minutes:

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