

Cheyenne County Board of Commission

May 06, 2016

Convene

Chairman Brett Poling called the meeting of the Cheyenne County Board of Commission to order at 7:00 P.M. on May 6, 2016 at the Emergency Operation Center meeting room. Attendance: Brett Poling, Present: John Garner, Present: Rodney Radcliffe, Present. Others in attendance were County Attorney, Nicole Romine, and County Clerk, Deb Lindsten. The meeting was well attended by interested people from the community. The special meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the restructuring of the EMS department.

EMS Department Restructuring

Director Raile began the discussion by giving a brief overview of the EMS Service. The EMS department is a voluntary/part time service. Volunteerism is dwindling. Cheyenne County has a responsibility with the State to provide for a 24-7, 365 day a year service. The State requirement to the residents for staffing include two people on call 24-7, 365 days a year. The different options are ranked from least expensive to most expensive. One of the biggest concerns for Cheyenne County, is that there is not an in county education instructor. Also, Director Raile will be moving to the county June 1st and will be outside of the five minute response time.

Option A includes the addition of non-traditional staff including full-time positions that are on-call only. Non-traditional staff was explained as 60 hours per week, on-call, not in-office hours. Kansas State Board of EMS requires these positions to be able to respond to the EMS station within 5 minutes. In the Saint Francis office, there would be two full time EMT's, on-call weekends (6:00 P.M Friday- 6:00 A.M Monday) at a cost of \$64,000 a year. Also included would be an administrative assistant at \$23,920 a year. For the Bird City office, there would be an additional 1.5 full time EMT's at \$48,000 per year. Option A cost would be \$135,920 per year.

Option B provides for additional personnel to be in the office. This option provides for 3 full time EMT's at \$96,000 a year and an administrative assistant at \$23,920 a year for the Saint Francis office. For the Bird City office, there would be 3 full time EMT's at \$96,000 a year. Option B cost would be \$215,920 a year.

Option C provides for full-time staffing in both the Saint Francis and Bird City offices. All part-time positions would be eliminated. In Saint Francis there would be 7 full-time EMT's, \$224,000 a year, and one administrative assistant, \$23,920 a year. The Bird City office would have 7 full-time EMT's, \$224,000 a year. Option B cost would be \$471,920.

Other options were to move the EMS department under the Cheyenne County Hospital and outsourcing to an outside entity. Financial figures were not provided for these options.

It was noted that all of the options did not include the benefit package provided by the County for full-time employees and how that would affect the mill levy. Commissioner Radcliffe noted that Option A could cost approximately 5.8 mills or \$248,392.77; Option B, 8.725 mills or \$373,659.82; and Option C, \$700,167.83 with benefits. After discussing the different options, Director Raile was hoping for a decision from the BOCC. The BOCC noted that these options were not budgeted for in the 2016 budget. The BOCC would like some time to review the information provided.

Adjournment

Commissioner John Garner ordered that the commission adjourn until 5/16/2016. Rodney Radcliffe

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seconded the motion. The motion passed by vote: Brett Poling (Yes), John Garner (Yes), Rodney Radcliffe (Yes).

Signatures

Chairman, Brett Poling

County Clerk, Deb Lindsten

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