

WESTERN PAYNE COUNTY AMBULANCE TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Stillwater Medical Center, 1st Floor Boardroom
March 26, 2025, 12:00 p.m.

Present: Elaine Ackerson, Harland Wells, Christa Louthan and Cassie Wilson

Absent: Jerry Moeller

Others: Zach Harris, Ryan Field (LifeNet, Inc.), Alyssa Haley and Brett Peine
(via phone, LifeNet, Inc.) and Cheryl Marshall (minutes)

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Christa Louthan, Vice Chairman of the Western Payne County Ambulance Trust Authority (WPCATA) Board, called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the January 15, 2025, regular meeting of the WPCATA Board were distributed and reviewed. Wells made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ackerson seconded the motion, and Ackerson, Louthan, Wilson and Wells voted in favor of the motion.

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Cheryl Marshall shared the Treasurer's Report with the members. The beginning balance of the Operating Account as of January 1 was \$105,358.97. Checks/deposits were received from the City of Stillwater, CEC and Noble County, City of Perkins, Town of Glencoe and one membership fee. Interest accrued was \$352.46. One expense was paid to LifeNet (subsidy). The account balance at the end of the month was \$114,974.67.

The beginning balance of the Operating Account as of February 1 was \$114,974.67. Checks/deposits were received from the City of Stillwater, CEC and Noble County. Interest accrued was \$326.53. One expense was paid to LifeNet (subsidy). The account balance at the end of the month was \$101,329.41. The members reviewed the Balance Statement, Profit and Loss and Cash Flow Statement prepared by Alan Lovelace, CFO.

Marshall shared that the CD matured on March 16, 2025. In discussion with Chairman Moeller and CFO Lovelace, it was decided to deposit \$50,000 from the CD into the operating account at Simmons Bank and open a 7-month CD with the remaining \$266,260.78 at Great Plains earning 4.55% interest.

Wells moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as presented. Ackerson seconded the motion, and Wilson, Wells, Louthan, and Ackerson voted in favor of the motion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Christa Louthan, Vice Chairman, shared that Jerry Moeller presented to the City Council of Stillwater and Perkins and also met with CEC and Glencoe concerning the \$1 per month increase in the membership fee. The members reviewed the communication stuffer that will be included in the customers' utility bills making them aware of this increase effective July 1, 2025. Harris will work with their IT department to communicate this on the EMS website.

REPORT FROM LIFENET

Zach Harris shared they recently completed their 3-year inspection and passed with zero deficiencies. They also recently passed the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics inspection, with zero deficiencies as well.

Harris reported the urban emergency response time for February was 93.3%, rural 911 emergency response time was 94.5% and the non-emergency response time was 93.5%. LifeNet completed 10 transfers originating outside the service area. Call volume was 627 in January and 622 in February, both very busy months. LifeNet made 260 interfacility transfers. Ryan Field updated the members on the late response calls and shared details with the members. LifeNet responded to 8 Noble County calls. Harris shared protocol compliance percentages and details with the members, as Nicole Hart was holding training sessions on escaping violent encounters.

The members discussed the upcoming Boys from Oklahoma 4-day event. LifeNet and other entities in our area are meeting to prepare. LifeNet will increase ambulances to eight (2 from Texas/Arkansas division). An additional mechanic will also be available. A command post will be set up at OSU. LifeNet has also partnered with other ambulance agencies to cover transfers during this time.

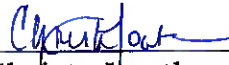
Harris shared that he spent yesterday at the Capitol with the Oklahoma Ambulance Association. The Legislators are voting whether to change the recent Bill reducing reimbursement from 325% to 275% of the Medicare rate and no longer including interfacility transfers. The Legislators are expected to vote on this issue today.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Wilson moved that the meeting be adjourned. Ackerson seconded the motion, and Wells, Louthan, Wilson and Ackerson voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.



Christa Louthan, Vice Chairman



Cheryl Marshall, Secretary/Treasurer