

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE EAST CENTRAL FIRE/EMS GOVERNING BODY

The monthly meeting of the East Central Fire & EMS Protection Territory Board was called to order on June 11, 2026 at 3:00 pm by President Bob Byrd.

Members Present: Steve Ottenweller, Bob Byrd, Jeff Abbot, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Board members signed a roll call sheet and Christine Camp read the roll call.

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the May Board meeting were approved as provided.

Mark Bradtmueller made the motion to approve the minutes from the May meeting. Mark Smith seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

Pay Claims

The pay claims were signed by Board members. Chad Bauer made the motion to approve the pay claims. Steve Ottenweller seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

Old Business

Update on Allen County Fire & EMS District

Jeremy Bush, Executive Fire Chief of the Allen County Fire & EMS District, provided an update on the formation of the new district.

- Interviewing continues for the 20 Assistant Chief positions
- They are using a task management system to insure all the thousands of tasks that need completed are on schedule and not forgotten
- They have hired consultants to help merge the budgeting and payroll systems
- Bob Byrd of the East Central Fire & EMS Territory Board is one of four members of the oversight Board
- We will have 5 medical directors on staff vs just one to provide more support to the EMS staff
- All townships in Allen county will be part of the new District

New Business

Capstone Invoice

The Chief requests approval of invoice # 3993 to Capstone for Property and Vehicle Insurance in the amount of \$23,635.25.

Mark Bradtmueller made a motion to pay invoice #3993 to Capstone for Property and Vehicle Insurance in the amount of \$23,635.25 . Steve Ottenweller seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

Current Mechanical Invoice

The Chief requests approval of invoice # W28904 to Current Mechanical for a new water heater in the amount of \$15,224.32.

Steve Ottenweller made a motion to pay invoice # W28904 to Current Mechanical for a new water heater in the amount of \$15,224.32. Mark Smith seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

East Central Fire & EMS Volunteer Stipend

The Chief requests approval of invoice # 1053 For the Volunteer Stipend in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Maark Smith made a motion to pay invoice # 1053 For the Volunteer Stipend in the amount of \$10,000.00. Jeff Abbot seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

Spencer Manufacturing Invoice

The Chief requests approval of invoice # 20896 to Spencer Manufacturing for the new pumper in the amount of \$957,029.00.

Steve Ottenweller made a motion to pay invoice # 20896 to Spencer Manufacturing for the new pumper in the amount of \$957,029.00. Chad Bauer seconded the motion, and motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

Adjournment

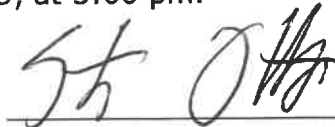
Mark Smith made the motion to adjourn the Board meeting. Jeff Abbot seconded the motion and the motion was approved.

Ayes: Steve Ottenweller, Jeff Abbot, Bob Byrd, Mark Smith, Mark Bradtmueller, Chad Bauer

Absent: John Graber

Nays: none

The next regular scheduled meeting is July 9, at 3:00 pm.

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Steve Ottenweller

Secretary

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bob Byrd", is written over a horizontal line.

Bob Byrd

President