

**WESTERN PAYNE COUNTY AMBULANCE TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**Stillwater Medical Center Honska Conference Center
1323 W. Sixth Street
Stillwater, Oklahoma**

**May 18, 2011
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Gary Clark, Bill Sasser, Rick Jarvis and Jerry Moeller

Absent: Rex Horning

Others: Kelly McCauley (LifeNet), Dave Baumgardner (LifeNet – by conference phone), Michael Authment (LifeNet Director of Operations), Gary Stanton, Bob Charles, Michelle Charles, Ricky O'Bannon (NewsPress) and Susan Taylor

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Jerry Moeller, Chairman of the Western Payne County Ambulance Trust Authority (WPCATA) Board, called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 20, 2011 SPECIAL MEETING

Copies of the minutes of the April 20, 2011 special meeting of the WPCATA Board were distributed and reviewed. Because of the lack of a quorum of members who were present at last month's meeting, it was decided among the group to carry the approval of these minutes over to next month's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Sasser provided a treasurer's report for tonight's meeting. The report indicated that deposits had been made from Stillwater Medical Center, the Town of Glencoe, the City of Stillwater and the City of Perkins. Also, 30 individual membership fees had been deposited.

Clark moved the Board accept the report as presented. Sasser seconded the motion, and Moeller, Clark and Sasser voted in favor of the motion. Jarvis was not present for the vote.

REPORT FROM LIFENET – Kelly McCauley

LifeNet General Manager Kelly McCauley gave an update of LifeNet activities via a Power Point presentation. McCauley spoke about recent challenges, including their fleet, staffing and 24-hour housing for their crew. More detailed information was provided regarding a summary of emergency responses. Between May 1st and May 17th, LifeNet responded to 246 requests, which equates to 14.5/day. Of those responses, 156 were priority 1 and 2 (emergency), 38 were priority 3 (immediate) and 52 were inter-facility trips.

DECISION TO HEAR PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, the floor was opened for public comments. Gary Stanton, retired Stillwater Fire Department firefighter, spoke to the WPCATA Board. Stanton stated that his concern, which is more of an educational matter he said, is the welfare of the patient. He urged the WPCATA Board to be diligent in staying attuned to LifeNet response times and the patient's status when they arrive at the hospital. Stanton went on to say that he was very pleased with LifeNet's presentation at tonight's meeting.

Board member Clark asked McCauley what type of information he would be providing in the future regarding Mr. Stanton's comments. McCauley said that in the future, data would be collected from their quality improvement side, and LifeNet will be reporting on different patient outcome categories.

Stanton voiced concern about ambulance coverage. He understood that LifeNet has three ambulances manned 24 hours/day; one in Perkins and two in Stillwater, as well as one during the day at Stillwater Medical Center. His concern was about the southeast part of town during the evening/night/early morning hours. He felt that this section of the community would experience slower response times without the service of another ambulance. Stanton said he thought the agreement originally had been that we would have 3 ambulances in Stillwater with the transfer. Moeller stated that the agreement was always going to be 3 and 1 for the whole contract area. McCauley said that LifeNet is held to the standards of the contract, and if they see that they cannot meet the needs, they will add additional resources at LifeNet's expense. McCauley went on to say that they do have the ability to call in additional staff and man additional vehicles as the demand grows. Board members assured Stanton that they would closely monitor LifeNet's services.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Report on Individual Memberships

Moeller told Board members and visitors present that we currently have received 54 individual subscriptions for the LifeNet ambulance service program.

Web Site Maintenance

Moeller stated that he had received a small invoice from Tina Wells for some web site maintenance. To host the website, we are only charged \$135/year. The recent modifications cost us \$65/hour. Moeller went on to say that we will be making some other minor modifications to our website in the near future.

Report on Terms of Appointees

At the request of WPCATA Board member Rex Horning, Moeller reviewed the trust appointees. WPCATA Board members were provided with a page from the WPCATA Trust Indenture which stated the initial terms of the appointees. Rex Horning, representing the City of Stillwater, and Bill Sasser, representing Payne County, were both initially appointed for a 1 year term. Jerry Moeller, representing Stillwater Medical Center, and Gary Clark, representing Oklahoma State University, were both initially appointed for a 2 year term. Rick Jarvis, representing Perkins and Glencoe, was appointed initially for a 3 year term. New appointments for the one year appointees will need to be made as soon as possible. Moeller indicated that he would send a letter to the City and County, reminding them of the need for these reappointments.

OTHER BUSINESS

Moeller told Board members that he had spoken recently with Bob Ackerson, the Director of the State EMS. Ackerson told Moeller that he had talked with Officer Mott and Officer Bradley from Stillwater, and they had both indicated that the LifeNet transition has gone very well.

Sasser asked Moeller about the status of WPCATA's possible relationship with Morrison. Moeller said that he had a recent visit from two county commissioners, indicating that they would be interested in taking part in the program. Moeller told Board members that he would certainly follow up with representatives of Morrison.

Moeller also said that he had spoken again with Gary McCune (CREC), who indicated that he would be interested in speaking with Moeller again about the program.

Sasser suggested that if we do not get the response we would like, and we decide to reach out to the rural communities a little stronger next year, a mailer right now would cost 14 cents. Sasser said he feels that a lot of people are missing out on this opportunity.

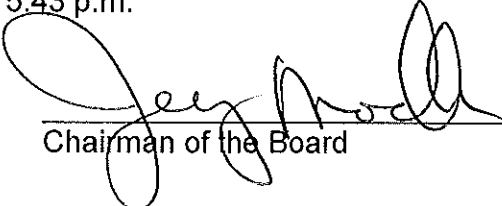
Sasser expressed his thanks to Gary Stanton for coming to speak to the Board tonight. Bob Charles, ex-firefighter, spoke up and said that he has gone on one call with LifeNet since their takeover of the service. He said that it seems that everyone at Stillwater Fire Department and LifeNet are getting along well. Sasser expressed his appreciation to Mr. Charles, as well.

In closing, Clark asked that Board members be reminded via email to review the website and email any suggestions for changes to Mr. Moeller.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Jarvis seconded the motion and Moeller, Clark, Sasser and Jarvis voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer of the Board


Chairman of the Board