



# Lapeer County EMS

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## REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES September 19, 2023

A regular board meeting of the Lapeer County EMS Board of Directors was held on Tuesday September 19, 2023 at the LCEMS Administrative Office located at 3565 Genesee Road, Lapeer, MI 48446. LCEMS Board Chair, Al Ochadleus, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

### Roll Call Attendance:

Al Ochadleus Tina Papineau Bonnie Bridger Bill Marshall Mavis Roy (09:04)

### Absent:

Julie Schlaud Ian Kempf

### Municipality Representatives:

Katie Terry: Elba Township  
Ann Derderian: Metamora Township  
Lisa Schultz: Hadley Township

### Lapeer County EMS:

Russ Adams: Executive Director  
Scott Filkins: Operations Manager  
Carla McCormack: Administrative Manager/Recording Secretary  
Jacob Zentz: EMT

### Visitors:

Jon Johnson: Burnham & Flower  
Candy Anderson: Lapeer 911

### Additions to Agenda/Approval of Agenda

#### 23.073

Addition to September 19, 2023 Agenda: Directors Report, F. Check Fraud and Agenda Action Item, C. Zoll AED Purchase

Motion by B. Marshall, seconded by T. Papineau, to accept the agenda as amended. No further discussion from the board or public. Motion carried, 4-0.

M. Roy arrived at 9:04am

### Approval of August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Correction to Page 2: Change July 18, 2023 to August 15, 2023

#### 23.074

Motion by T. Papineau, seconded by B. Marshall, to approve the agenda as corrected. No further discussion from the board or public. Motion carried, 5-0.

### Approval of August 2023 Budget & Financial Reports

#### 23.075

Motion by B. Marshall, seconded by T. Papineau, to approve the August 2023 Budget & Financial report as presented. No discussion from the board or public. Motion carried, 5-0.

Public Comment: None

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**Burnham & Flower:** Jon Johnson referenced the handouts in the board packet.  
Discussion about Risk Reduction Grant Program, Dividends paid to date, PAR Scholarship  
Discussion about the increase in the quote being from the reevaluation of structures: station 1 and 4.

### Director's Report

- A. Activity Report August 2023:** R. Adams referenced the reports in the board packet.  
**B. YTD Year to Year Comparison:** R. Adams referenced the report in the board packet.  
**C. Grant Application:** R. Adams noted that the application was submitted and notification is in mid-October 2023. If approved, the program will run December 1, 2023 – December 1, 2025.  
Discussion on initial cost to students  
Discussion on length of one EMT course.  
**D. Balance Billing:** R. Adams noted that balance billing has become a hot topic at both the federal and state level. R. Adams referenced the reports in the board packet.

### 23.076

Motion by T. Papineau, seconded by M. Roy, that Lapeer County Emergency Medical Service Authority does not "balance bill" our customers consistent with the federal "No Surprises Act" and information guidelines of the Michigan Civil Services Committee stating:

#### **Emergency services**

*If you have an emergency medical condition and get emergency services from a nonparticipating provider or facility, the most the provider or facility may bill you is your plan's in-network out-of-pocket amount, such as copays, coinsurance and deductibles. You can't be balance billed for these emergency services. This includes services you may get after you're in stable condition unless you give written consent and give up your protections not to be balance billed for these post-stabilization services. Michigan law also protects you from balance billing and requires that you pay only your in-network cost sharing amounts for: (i) covered emergency services provided by an out-of-network provider at an in-network facility or out-of-network facility; (ii) covered nonemergency services provided by an out-of-network provider at an in-network facility if you do not have the ability or opportunity to choose an in-network provider; and (iii) any healthcare services you receive at an in-network facility from an out-of-network provider within 72 hours of receiving services from that facility's emergency room.*

Lapeer County Emergency Medical Services Authority and its agents will only bill customers the appropriate Cost Share Values for individual policy holders. We will not balance bill the customer what has been written down through a contractual allowance.

No further discussion from the board or public. Roll call vote:

Roy – yes Bridger – yes Papineau – yes Marshall – yes Ochadleus – yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

- E. Schedule Budget Meeting:** Discussion about calling a special meeting to review budget mid-October 2023.  
**F. Check Fraud:** R. Adams noted that LCEMS was contacted by ChoiceOne Bank on Monday September 18, 2023 regarding a check that appears to have been fraudulently cashed by Huntington Bank. A report was filed with the Lapeer County Sheriff's Department.  
Discussion about contacting MI State Police.

**Vehicle Maintenance Report): August 2023** A. Ochadleus referenced the report in the board packet.

### Committee Reports

- A. Personnel Committee (Papineau, Roy, Schlaud, Adams):** None  
**B. Finance Committee (Kempf, Ochadleus, Schlaud, Adams):** None  
**C. Negotiation/Grievance Committee (Kempf, Ochadleus, Papineau, Adams):** 11:00 am Arbitration Meeting today in the board room.  
**D. Medical Control Advisory Committee (Kempf, Ochadleus, Schlaud, Adams):** Received list of individuals who are scheduled for depositions from attorney.

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### Agenda Action Items

#### **A. Liability Insurance Renewal**

##### **23.077**

Motion by B. Bridger, seconded by M. Roy, to approve the renewal of the liability insurance with Burnham & Flower for \$59,739 and to authorize the Executive Director to sign. No further discussion from the board or public. Roll call vote taken:

Marshal – yes Papineau – yes Ochadleus – yes Roy – yes Bridger – yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

**B. Balance Billing:** Action taken earlier in the meeting.

**C. Zoll AED Purchase:** R Adams referenced the handout from Zoll. Discussion about Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Advantages.

##### **23-078**

Motion by B. Marshall, seconded by T. Papineau, to approve the purchase of four AED units not to exceed \$8,766.40. No further discussion from the board or public. Roll call vote taken:

Ochadleus – yes Marshall – yes Bridger – yes Papineau – yes Roy – yes

Motion carried, 5-0.

**Discussion:** None

**Public Comment:** None

### **Adjournment:**

##### **23.079**

Motion by B. Marshall, seconded by T. Papineau, to adjourn at 9:55 am. No discussion from the board or public. Motion carried, 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla McCormack  
Administrative Manager/Recording Secretary

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