

**WESTERN PAYNE COUNTY AMBULANCE TRUST AUTHORITY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Stillwater Medical Center Honska Conference Center
1323 W. Sixth Street
Stillwater, Oklahoma**

**August 17, 2011
5:00 p.m.**

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

Others: Kelly McCauley (LifeNet), Dave Baumgardner (LifeNet) via telephone, Ricky O'Bannon (NewsPress), Michelle Charles (Perkins Journal), Bob Charles 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 5:03 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Copies of the minutes of the July 20, 2011 regular meeting of the WPCATA Board were distributed and reviewed. Horning made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Clark seconded the motion. Sasser, Jarvis, Horning, Clark and Moeller voted in favor of the motion.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Bill Sasser provided a treasurer's report for tonight's meeting. The report indicated that deposits had been made from the Cities of Stillwater and Perkins, as well as the Town of Glencoe and Stillwater Medical Center. One individual membership fee was also deposited into the account. A check to LifeNet, in the amount of \$83,333.33, was written out of the account. Also, a check in the amount of \$25,528.44 was written to Stillwater National Bank to pay off our line of credit.

REPORT FROM LIFENET – Kelly McCauley

LifeNet General Manager Kelly McCauley told Board members that staffing is going well. Renovations will be done on the LifeNet headquarters in the very near future. This work is expected to last at least a month. McCauley said that LifeNet personnel are in talks with a property owner about a possible third post location. Negotiations are ongoing at this time, and more information will be forthcoming in that regard.

Moeller asked McCauley if LifeNet is getting closer to having a crew on call. McCauley said that they are getting very close to that objective, and hopefully will have that laid out and in place within the next 30 days. McCauley said that they have been speaking with schools and lining out coverage for the upcoming football season.

McCauley then provided information regarding response time compliance in July 2011, as well as other statistical information. He said that he is seeing a pattern emerge where LifeNet is doing fairly well in the city of Stillwater, but still struggling with some of the county responses. He told Board members that he believes that the August numbers will look very similar. Actual current response time for emergency calls within the city limits of Stillwater was at 93.2%. Immediate calls within the city limits were at 95%. Rural emergency calls were at 81%, with immediate calls at 84.6%. McCauley said that

he expects that when the third post location is in place, we will see faster responses to the county areas south and east of town.

McCauley discussed some statistical information with the Board members. Moeller asked McCauley if he could follow up on Sasser's question from last month's meeting about how many ambulance runs might be from citizens who have a membership plan. McCauley said that Sandy Jackson, LifeNet's billing office manager and Dave Baumgardner have been discussing this, and expect that they will be able to provide some of this information going forward.

Horning asked if, from a business standpoint, is it better for LifeNet to transport a member or an insured non-member? McCauley and Baumgardner were not able to answer that question at this point.

Moeller mentioned that when we picked up Rural Water District 3 when the City of Stillwater bought it, that included a small number of customers that are in Noble County. Some of them are in our membership plan, as they are paying the \$5 monthly fee on their City of Stillwater utility bill. Moeller said that this area should be included in our response area. All members of the WPCATA Board were in agreement.

Jarvis mentioned again that if our response area continues to grow, we are going to have to adjust our expected response times. Horning said that he thought the plan was to take another look at the response area and response times at the 1-year mark and then make the necessary adjustments. Moeller said that at the present time, taking into consideration an outlier or two, that he feels that 80% compliance with response time is very good. Jarvis suggested making a "bull's eye" circle of LifeNet's coverage area on the coverage map, and adjust expected response times accordingly. Moeller felt that was a very good suggestion.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Moeller said that he has not yet heard anything from Morrison regarding their possible involvement in the program. Also, changes have not yet been made to the website, due to the fact that we cannot connect with Tina Wells, who has helped us with this in the past. We will try to contact Tina again.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sasser mentioned that we need to address the county plan with the commissioners. He said that he will work on that, and McCauley has agreed to help them coordinate what they need to do. Sasser said that he would speak with Commissioner Arthur tomorrow in hopes to get the ball rolling.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Clark moved that the meeting be adjourned. Horning seconded the motion and Moeller, Clark, Jarvis, Horning and Sasser voted in favor of the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.


Secretary/Treasurer of the Board


Chairman of the Board