

**CITY-COUNTY COMMON
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2009**

Present: Dan Marvin, Chair; Bob Workman; Doug Emery; Bernie Heier; Ray Stevens, Larry Hudkins, Deb Schorr and Jon Camp.

Absent: John Spatz, Jonathan Cook, Robin Eschliman and Bruce Svoboda

Others Present: Rick Hoppe, Marciee Brownlee, Joan Anderson and Russ Bayer

Chair Marvin opened the meeting a 8:31 am.

1. Approval of Common Meeting Minutes of Monday April 6, 2009:

There was not a quorum the minutes will be approved at the June 1, 2009 Common Meeting.

2. Emergency Medical Oversight:

Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff from the Mayors' office and Marcee Brownlee, Assistant City Prosecutor, updated the attendees on the Emergency Medical Oversight Authority(EMSOA) in the City and rural districts that are served. The contract is set to expire the end of August 2009. The Mayor's office received a request to submit a bid for the EMSOA when the contract expired in August. Mayor Beutler thought this would be an opportunity to review the current service model as well as others that might be available and the best approach would be through a request for proposal (RFP). Both hospitals indicated they would be willing to participate financially if there was an RFP, however, they indicated they wanted to maintain the independent nature of the Medical Oversight.

Brownlee reviewed the status of EMS Inc. EMS Inc. is an independent corporation that was established to provide medical oversight. See Exhibit A.

Hoppe handed out a time line, see Exhibit B, for the RFP. The Mayor's office is working with Vince Mejer and the purchasing office to create the RFP. There has been interest from the hospitals in being EMSOA for purposes of the RFP which creates issues on who the partners are to review the draft. Per the time lines the new contract would not be in place prior to the end of 2009, while the current contract expires the end of August 2009. Joan Anderson and Russ Bayer of EMS Inc. have agreed to present to their board the possibility of extending the contract to the end of the calendar year.

Councilman Camp inquired as to whether the EMS Board would continue to exist with the RFP. Russ Bayer, Chair of EMS Inc. responded. Currently the EMS Inc. Board is the board that oversee's EMS Inc. the corporation. There is an ordinance that requires independent medical oversight. The City currently contracts with EMS Inc. to provide this oversight, however, they can contract with whomever they wish. The Board is appointed by the City Council and the County Commissioners. With the new RFP there is a potential for that board to be reconfigured. Since the RFP is still in process no one knows what the new system would look like, thus generating numerous concerns and questions on

how the new system would operate. It was suggested a meeting with the Mayor's office for additional discussion be scheduled.

Russ Bayer, EMS , Inc. Chair and Joan Anderson, Lancaster County Medical Society Executive Director, gave a brief Overview of Emergency Medical Services, Inc. (EMS Inc.) For 2008. Anderson stated that the board has stayed the same but the model continues to change and evolve over the years. She handed out packets, see Exhibit C, which showed the 2008 overview of EMS Inc. including a summary of activities, Lincoln Fire & Rescue response times, and Lincoln EMS Cardiac Arrest Statistics. Russ Bayer offered to return and do a presentation on EMS Inc. if there is interest.

3. Smoke Free Campus & Smoking Cessation Assistance:

Commissioner Stevens stated the County has looked at adopting a smoke free campus proposal and asked for the city's support and cooperation to adopt a similar proposal. Sue Eckley, County Risk Manager, gave a brief overview of the initial draft of the proposal for tobacco free campuses. All buildings including the Public Building Commission, City and County Buildings would fall under the proposal. Marvin posed the question regarding city sidewalks in front of buildings and how those would be policed. Eckley responded the open space between the building would extend to the public sidewalks and would fall under the policy however, the sidewalks would not. The County is reviewing the possibility of offering monetary support to employees who wish to quit smoking with a cap of \$250.00. The Lancaster Medical Society has pledged \$5,000 toward employee smoking cessation. Eckley continues to research other players. Commissioner Schorr spoke to studies that have shown that each percentage decrease in smoking in your employees there is a corresponding or larger decrease in health care cost. For the City and County this would be a savings in property tax dollars. Commissioner Workman raised the question of whether this policy would apply to residents of County properties. Eckley indicated the policy draft is written for employees rather than residents. Commissioner Hudkins questioned who would do the policing of the policy. Eckley responded there would be designated individuals within an area responsible for this. Due to time constraints, Commissioner Heier suggested there be another meeting scheduled at a later date to continue the discussion of a tobacco free campus. Councilmen Emery and Camp indicated they were interested in additional discussion at a later date.

Camp moved and Schorr seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll called, motion passed 8 -0

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

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