

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidler at 5:01 p.m. He gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were: Dennis Reed (ZOOM), Kimberly Adams, new Board Member replacing KaTina Lane, (ZOOM), Chairman James Vidler, and Vice-Chairman Rodney Arbuckle. Board Members LaTarsha Shelton and David Caston were absent. New Board Member, Dr. Stacey Henderson, who was just appointed by the DeSoto Parish Police Jury to replace Brent Ingvarlsen, did not attend.

Guests attending were: Administrator Joe Magee, Administrative Assistant Jane Manning, Billing Specialist Melonie Confair, Medical Director Dr. Pat McGaully, and Supervisor Kenneth Wilcher.

Guests were acknowledged, and there were no public comments.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

The motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2020 Board Meeting with no corrections was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Reed. Motion carried with all ayes.

The financial reports: current bank balances, income-expenses, and budget vs. actual were presented by Magee. A motion to accept them was made by Arbuckle. Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried by all ayes.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Arbuckle. Reed seconded the motion. All ayes carried the motion.

**Old Business:**

An update on Station 6 was given by Magee, who stated that the interior work is being done, and the target completion date is Nov. 15.

Arbuckle made the motion to purchase a new medic unit from Excellence using a "piggy-back" bid of \$198,286.60 for a Chevrolet 4500 (gas not diesel). The delivery will be in the summer or fall of 2021. Adams seconded the motion with all ayes carrying the motion.

**New Business:**

The motion to purchase a Stryker PowerPro stretcher (\$18,903.79) and PowerLoad (\$23,858.50) for the new medic unit was made by Arbuckle. Reed seconded the motion. Motion carried by all ayes.

The motion to adjourn at 5:40 p.m. was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Reed. All ayes carried the motion.

The Board will not meet in November or December. The next meeting will be January 12, 2021.

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David Caston  
Board Member

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Rodney Arbuckle  
Board Vice-Chairman