

**Minutes of the DeSoto Parish EMS Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

The DeSoto EMS Board of Commissioners held a regular Board meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at DeSoto EMS Central Station at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vidler at 5:00 p.m. He gave the invocation, and Dr. McGauly led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present were Chairman James Vidler and Vice-Chairman Rodney Arbuckle. Board Members present via ZOOM were Dr. Stacey Henderson and Dennis Reed. Kimberly Adams, David Caston, and LaTarsha Shelton were absent.

Guests attending were: Administrator Joe Magee, Administrative Assistant Jane Manning, Billing Specialist Melonie Confair, Medical Director Dr. Pat McGauly, and Paramedic Dillon Fox.

There were no public comments or additions/deletions to the agenda.

The motion to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021, Board Meeting with no corrections was made by Arbuckle. It was seconded by Henderson. 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 Reed, and Arbuckle seconded the motion. The motion carried by all ayes.

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

**Old Business:**

We are unable to purchase a 2021 Chevrolet Silverado 4X4 truck for \$36,786 from Marketplace Chevrolet in Stonewall using a piggy back bid from the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office. Instead, we will purchase a Ford 4X4 truck on state contract for \$31,895.39 from Courtesy Ford in Breaux Bridge, LA.

**New Business:**

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2021-22 was presented to the Board for review. The Board will vote on it at the June 8, 2021, Board meeting.

Arbuckle made a motion to purchase an E-Force extrication tool for the Supervisor Truck 705, and also to authorize Administrator Magee to spend no more than \$15,000 on the purchase. It was seconded by Reed with all ayes carrying the motion.

A motion was made by Arbuckle to authorize Administrator Magee to adjust the ambulance transport rates. The motion was seconded by Henderson. All ayes carried the motion.

A motion was made by Arbuckle to authorize Administrator Magee to have the architect prepare plans for a vehicle maintenance building at Station 4. The motion was seconded by Reed, and it was carried by all ayes.

The motion to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. was made by Reed and seconded by Arbuckle. All ayes carried the motion.

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James Vidler  
Chairman

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David Caston  
Board Member