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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE STARK COUNTY COMMISSION
June 13, 2024

The joint informational meeting between the Dickinson City Commission and Stark County Commission was called to order by Mayor Scott Decker at 9:00 am.

Stark County Commissioners present: Dean Franchuk, Bernie Marsh, Neal Messer, and Cory White. Paul Clarys was absent.

City Administrator, Dustin Dassinger, advised the owner of the Dickinson Ambulance is looking for an exit strategy out of Dickinson and approached the county in January 2024. A working committee between the City and County was formed and this committee has been working through the strategy to continue the ambulance service. He presented Fire Chief Jeremy Presnell.

Presnell presented an overview of the City of Dickinson purchasing and running the Ambulance Service under the Fire Department. The existing equipment, including ambulances, consumables, and drugs, is valued at \$959,633.00. The plan would be to run 3 full-time ambulances staffed 24/7. They would hire an EMS Division Chief, 6 Firefighter EMTs, and 9 paramedics, all full-time positions.

The proposed budgets are as follows:

2024 - \$2,480,883.00 (includes the purchase of the existing ambulances and equipment)
2025 - \$1,205,148.42
2026 - \$2,163,175.92

2026 would be the 1st year of full operations. 2024 and 2025 would consist of hiring, licensing, training, and development. Presnell hopes through the billing of ambulance runs the service can sustain itself after a couple of years. At an average bill per call - a 55% - 60% collection rate would provide sustainability. They plan to use a 3rd party billing company.

There will be no capital requirements in the short term as they will use existing buildings. There will also be no debt or liability assumed from the current Dickinson Ambulance service.

Dassinger reports that on June 18th a request will be made to the city for ARPA funds, and they will also be approaching the county for funding. They would like to begin the hiring process of a Division Chief as soon as funding is approved.

Decker adjourned the meeting at 9:44 am.

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Karen Richard, Auditor

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Dean Franchuk, Chairman