

Eagleville Joint Ambulance District
Meeting Minutes
Date: August 26, 2026

Board Members Present:

- ☒ Chad Wonderly - Perry Twp Trustee
- ☒ Steve Arnold - Bloom Twp Trustee – Board Vice Chair
- ☐ Jerry (Shanon) Ickes – Bairdstown Village Council – Board Chair
- ☒ Bob Clark - Bloomdale Village Council
- ☒ Tom O’Leary - Cygnet Village Council
- ☒ Nickolas Strickland – West Millgrove Village Council

Community Members Present: Sara Stott, Jon Hart, Maddie Ropp, Brittani Parker, & Robert Repasz Jr

Steve called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Nickolas motioned and Tom second to approve the July 22, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion passes 4-0 with Steve abstaining.

EJAD Chief mentioned had 24 runs since last meeting. Last meeting talked about possibly hiring a Medic or EMT for coverage but currently good. The station dog has been rehomed. We have been having a recurring breaker popping. Sometimes when unplug the squad (let it pop out) it arcs and pop the breaker. Does not do that if manually unplug squad. Still waiting to hear on when getting the squad fixed, had to send more pictures on the 22nd, and look likes we might possibly be next. EJAD Chief received the payment plans from Stryker on the Cardiac Monitor. Two options: 2 installments of \$16,475.20 or 4 installments of \$8,855.96. Steve asked about interest? Chief said does not have the interest rate in the paperwork. Fiscal Officer figured up what the total cost would be for each payment plan: 2 installments \$3,900 extra & 4 installments \$6,300 extra roughly.

EJAD Chief spoke with Lexipol sale reps again this morning. Can get down to \$6,300 dollars lowest they can go (yearly fee). Currently paying for Policies and Procedures and if only go with Policies than \$6,300.00. The procedures is where all your disciplinary policies are however Chief said download and be incorporated with the procedures. EJAD Chief said the basic Lexipol (core) is reviewed by and updated by Lexipol’ legal team when law changes. Was told that once we change a policy, etc. that

is not update by Lexipol. If need to review or update our changes, need review by our own lawyer. EJAD Chief is still on the fence with Lexipol but can we go with our own and do a onetime fee between \$5,000 to \$10,000 upfront then minimal after. Steve said don't know what the end review is through Bay either (Reminger). EJAD Chief said lawyers won't email you if they like to tell you stuff, they do not want in writing. Mr. Bay called him and won't stick to a number and said it would be very insignificant, once you get a set of protocols and reviewed once, unless there are major changes, the review is minimum. Would not give a price but guessing \$5,000 to \$10,000 (\$10,000 for whole employee handbooks, \$5,000 to go over policy manuals). Steve asked if we check to see if there is an insurance discount with Lexipol? Fiscal Officer said this is the last year and believe it's 10%. Steve said 10% of the \$8,500 is that what you are saying? Fiscal Officer, yes but 10% is not that much. Tom said just a year ago we were broke, I like to save everything we can save. We were always had no money, what he kept hearing. Bob asked what do you not like about Lexipol? EJAD Chief is not that I don't like it but it's a large policy program and not getting the \$8,500 dollars out of it. There are so many policies in their that we will not use. Chief did a dive into Lexipol, and gave examples: employees have to fix water leaks or can be fired, etc. Policies in Lexipol that we would not have adopted. Bob said does that apply to the EMS side? Chief said I don't think fixing water leaks apply to EMS side. Fiscal Officer said but you adopted that. EMS Chief said in current policy says complaints need to go thru shift captain, then division chief, then section chief, then goes to fire chief cause that is what is currently in the policy. The policy was never rewritten and blindly adopted. Chief can go thru and rewrite the policies and will only use 20 policies. It is not user friendly and paying a lot for it and not getting very little out of it. Steve asked if annual payment? Fiscal Officer said yes.

Bob said the email that the attorney, Julie, sent us recommend not go. Chief said we are the only entity around us that does not use Lexipol. Bob said Fostoria uses it. Chief said the Fire Dept. just got forced to use Lexipol. Mid County 120 is not using it and North Baltimore is not using it and in fact, Julie is the one that approved and reviewed North Baltimore's. Fiscal Officer mentioned Julie represents South East 150 and South East 150 has their own SOP's and SOG's. EMS Chief said the only reason Julie recommends using Lexipol here (over the phone) because of what is going on with litigation, Daniel does not care what policy we use. The whole point is does not matter what policy you use but need to follow it. Julie is concerned because of the current and past events that Lexipol would help a little bit. Steve said if Julie was here, if we were using a policy from then that affect something then and then adopt a new policy going forward? EJAD Chief said lawyers don't want to call you if don't want it in writing. Chief sent an email and called about a few days ago and got her point of view. She won't review anything we do and pass it along to Daniel. Steve said the biggest problem is a time constraint. Nickolas said ultimately would save with going with our own. Chief said we be more upfront this year. Tom said you won't save money this year. Steve said how quickly can we modify and take out the things for Lexipol for the \$6,800? Few days would not work. Tom said it would be \$6,800 minus \$850? Steve said 10%, so Tom said \$680 then. Bob said already invested the money in it to get it started, and what she told us in an email that would recommend it not just with what

is going on, but if the law changes Federal or State in the future it is included in and will be notified. Fiscal Officer said but if we modify it, it is not under legal review. Chief said they will send an email saying they changed this. Bob said do not have a problem looking into later on but right now...Tom said this is the cheapest route this year. Would pay the \$6,300 and get the \$630 off and come this time next year go with our own. I would leave it untouched this year. Fiscal Officer said would we have to make our own SOP's since getting rid of the procedure side? EMS Chief said will paste the procedures over to the policy side. Bob asked what are we eliminating from Lexipol? Chief said the procedure side (HR side). Bob said still have the basic Lexipol policies. Bob asked so what part of Lexipol are we not going to use? Fiscal Officer said the procedure side. More discussion and Bob mentioned just going by what the attorney told us. EJAD Chief after talking to Julie and understating her now, that she is only recommending it because of litigation. If it was not for litigation would not recommend it. Everyone else she does business with has their own and is fine with it. Julie approved all their SOG's. Was told that over the phone. Fiscal Officer said if she approved all the SOG's then why do we have to go thru Daniel? Tom said rather go thru Daniel anyways, it is more his alley. More discussion. Tom motioned and Chad seconds to approve the modified Lexipol for \$6,300.00. Motion passes 4-1.

Chief asked what do you want to do about the cardiac monitor? Fiscal Officer said the grant is the down payment. Steve asked if need a motion. Tom asked if there is a penalty for paying off early? Chief said no cant do that anymore. Nickolas motions and Tom seconds to go with the 4 annual payments for the cardiac monitor. All yeah, M/C.

Tom said this is the first year going to the one meeting a month, not sure how you guys feel about it, but I am having a hard time getting into Eagleville mode. At two weeks had no problem but sometimes not meeting for 30 days and if miss a meeting miss 60 days and not in the loop at all. Like to entertain maybe every other month or maybe summer months do one meeting a month and two meetings the other. Board discussed. Steve asked if go back to twice a month and if no agenda? Fiscal Officer said the Board President can cancel the meeting but would have to post it. You would have to redo the Resolution and only get paid for 15 meetings. More discussion thru the Board. Chief said will send can send out a mid-month report if that will help. Steve said lets go with the mid-month report. Bob asked about the repair of the ambulance. Chief said sounds like we are next. Bob asked fix here or need to take it? Chief assumes will be taking it there to get fixed.

Chad said had nothing but 16 meetings is his max.

Steve had someone said something about the weeds in the flower beds. Fiscal Officer said only approved the mowing and trimming. Nickolas mentioned maybe see what would charge. Chief said been meaning to spray and will mix up stuff.

Nickolas has been working on stuff to check on Emerson Rd. Fiscal Officer mentioned looks like going to tar and chip it. Board discussed. Nickolas just wanted to update the

Board on what he is doing. Steve mentioned can bring it up at the Planning Commission meeting.

EJAD Chief said did get our EMS approval and will be reaching out to the fire chiefs to do EMS training once a month with them.

Fiscal Officer said the 2024-2025 audit has started. Karen from Great Lakes sent paperwork that Ohio Attorney General will collect on unpaid accounts and we do not get charged the fee. The fee does not come out of our collection amount. Steve mentioned about the report and the unpaid portion to give the Board an idea. Fiscal Officer said got SAM.gov set up for VA billing/collections. It is a 10% fee that is tacked on to whoever the claim they are going after. We still get our full amount. Steve said when does the Ohio Attorney General pay us when they collect? Fiscal Officer yes will get paid when Ohio Attorney General gets paid. They have to give so many days before sending to OAG. Fiscal Officer mentioned that the only accounts that would be referred to the OAG is non resident accounts and resident accounts that patient received the insurance payment and did not turn it over to the billing company. Fiscal Officer said there is paperwork to fill out for the collections and have to have legal sign a page. Nickolas motioned and Bob second to approve to do the collections with OAG. All yeah, M/C.

Fiscal Officer received the Wood County Rate resolution for the taxes revenue for next year. Steve asked about the pipeline and the county is appealing the other years is in the works. Nickolas motioned and Bob second to approve Resolution 17R26: Wood County Rate Resolution for 2027. Nickolas-yes, Chad-yes, Tom-yes, Bob-yes, and Steve-yes. Fiscal Officer having issues printing pdf documents currently. Steve asked about the bill from ESO. Fiscal Officer said that is for the billing, schedule, run reports, etc. Fiscal Officer discussed a bill received from Stearns & Hammer, noticed on prior ones paid, why are we getting a bill pertaining to the case and not billing Reminger? Nickolas asked about the email on May and phone call on July 23rd Fiscal Officer would have to go back and look to see since getting billed now for it. Bob said that is the other attorney office. Fiscal Officer said yes but Reminger is requesting stuff from Julie, but Julie is billing us for that and not Reminger. Bob said that might be where she is communicating with them. But why is she billing us for that and not them. Bob said they both work for us. Fiscal Officer said if the insurance is covering the other bill why are we paying this out of pocket. Nickolas said anything with litigation should be billed under the insurance. Asked Fiscal Officer if could go back thru the bills and see what already paid before talking/emailing Julie. Chad asked if insurance would reimburse us. Tom said maybe the insurance should be the first phone call before the attorney. Nickolas asked Chad was the phone call with her litigation or something else. Fiscal Officer said the phone call was July 23rd does not say what or who called who. This bill is not listed on the bills to be paid. Nickolas motioned and Bob second to approve the bills on the list. All yeah, M/C.

Bob motioned and Nickolas second to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. All yeah, M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Repasz
Fiscal Officer