

Taylor County EMS Association  
(TCEMSA)  
Quarterly Meeting  
Minutes  
**April 14, 2009**

Those present included Jan Beach-Sickels, Tom Mothershed, Lanny Ross, Michelle Hobbick, Mick Ware, Belinda Ogle, Al Rusk, Mike Fisher and Diana Fisher.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Taylor County Emergency Medical Service Association (TCEMSA) was held at the Bedford Ambulance office on Tuesday, April 14, 2009. Jan Beach-Sickels called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Since Mick Ware and Belinda Ogle from Taylor County Emergency Management, the HERSA emergency drill-functional or actual was discussed. Mick Ware reported on last year's drill. Belinda Ogle recommended making contact with Pam Walker, an emergency drill planner. Several possibilities were discussed and ideas shared. The date was set for the drill. Jan Beach-Sickels will meet with some other entities to discuss what has already been done and then form a committee to help set up the drill. Mick Ware and Belinda Ogle left the meeting.

Everyone was given a copy of the previous meeting's minutes to read. Lanny Ross made a motion to approve the minutes. Tom Mothershed seconded the motion with all in favor.

The treasurer's report was read. Tom Mothershed made a motion to approve the report as read with Lanny Ross seconding the motion with all in favor.

EMS Week, May 17-23, 2009 was discussed. National Emergency Medical Services Week brings together local communities and medical personnel to publicize safety and honor the dedication of those who provide the day-to-day lifesaving services of medicine's "front line." It is a good time to promote public education and safety programs. It was decided to use some of TCEMS funds for public education by providing educational materials for the county's youth, preK-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Services are encouraged to have an open house or something special during EMS Week to let the public know how much their support is appreciated.

The need for PEPP classes was discussed. Diana Fisher is to contact the instructor from Iowa City that she arranged to teach the last class and get some dates for another class to be held in Taylor County. It was calculated that there are 28 EMS personal eligible for the class. TCEMSA would pay for the class for those working on Taylor County services and invite surrounding EMS personnel to take the class at their expense.

The TCEMSA by-laws which had not been updated since 2005 were reviewed. There were some language changes made in the by-laws. Michelle Hobbick made a motion to approve the changes made in the by-laws. Tom Mothershed seconded the motion with all in favor. Jan Beach-Sickels will make the changes and send the new by-laws to all those present at the meeting. Anyone else interested in reading the by-laws may do so by asking any service director.

The next meeting will be held June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Blockton Community Center in Blockton, Iowa. Note there are EMT certification renewal requirements that can be met by attending these meetings.

Anyone with bills for TCEMSA is encouraged to turn them in as soon as possible, so the committee can determine how much money is available for other service and personnel needs. All bills need to be turned into Mike Fisher, treasurer.

Lanny Ross made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and Mike Fisher seconded the motion with all in favor.