

**COLUMBUS AREA
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
Wednesday, September 10, 2025
MINUTES**

Members of the Columbus Area Emergency Medical Services group met in the Columbus Community Center at 161 N Dickason Blvd on Wednesday, September 10, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 4 pm by Chairman Jeff Slotten.

Members present: Village of Fall River - Jeff Slotten; Town of Calamus – John Kraus, Jr; Town of Elba – Roger Parpart; Town of Hampton – David Tuschen; Town of Otsego – Marcia Vangen; Town of York – Dean Helwig; Town of Fountain Prairie – Travis Gatza; Lifestar EMS – Mike Krueger; City of Columbus – Mayor Joe Hammer and Marcus Meier; Village of Reeseville – Jake Pacals; Columbus Fire Department – Chief Scott Hazelton and Linda Henning, Secretary, Town of Fountain Prairie. It was determined that there was a quorum of ten (10) members present.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Dave Tuschen – Town of Hampden with a second from John Kraus – Town of Calamus, to approve of the agenda as posted. Agenda approved with all present in favor.

Minutes of the May 7, 2025 meeting: Motion by Dean Helwig, Town of York with a second from Marcia Vangen, Town of Otsego to approve of the minutes of the May 7, 2025 meeting. Minutes approved with all present in favor.

Lifestar EMS: The question had been asked how often the Lifestar ambulance was out on a transfer. Mike Krueger stated that it was less than 20% of the time. Krueger also reported that a new ambulance was scheduled to arrive in October.

Old Business: A review of the new Lifestar renewal contract with changes was discussed. All members agreed that the service from Lifestar was excellent and no one had any complaints.

Motion by Dean Helwig – Town of York with a second from Marcia Vangen – Town of Otsego to approve of the contract with Lifestar EMS for the period of January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

Mike Krueger had inquired about the performance bond that Lifestar provided when they were first contracted with the Columbus Group. It was decided that the bond would be returned to Lifestar.

The 2026 budget was reviewed by the group. The budget was approved on a motion from Roger Parpart - Town of Elba and a second from John Kraus - Town of Calamus. Budget approved with all present in favor.

The next meeting will be on May 6, 2026 at 4 pm.

There being no further business on the agenda, motion made by Dave Tuschen – Town of Hampden with a second from Roger Parpart – Town of Elba to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henning, Secretary
Columbus Area EMS Group