

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICE – MEDIC 1

Minutes of Meeting

June 25, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDING:

	Present	Absent
Baroda Twp., - Dennis Krottzer(Christina Price)	<u> X </u>	
Benton Twp., - Cathy Yates	<u> X </u>	
Berrien Twp., - Bruce Stover	<u> X </u>	
Chikaming Twp., - Allen Weich	<u> X </u>	
Lake Twp., - Zach Carson		<u> X </u>
Lincoln Twp., - Dave Burrow(Brandon)	<u> X </u>	
New Buffalo Twp., - Michelle Heit	<u> X </u>	
Oronoko Twp., - Mike Hildbrand	<u> X </u>	
Royalton Twp., - Steve Tilly	<u> X </u>	
Sodus Twp., - Dave Chandler	<u> X </u>	
St. Joseph Twp., - Ed Meny	<u> X </u>	
Weesaw Twp.,- James Pelletier	<u> X </u>	
Benton Harbor City, - Alex Little	<u> X </u>	
Bridgman City, - Jan Trapani	<u> X </u>	
St. Joseph City, - Mike Phelps	<u> X </u>	
New Buffalo City, - Darwin Watson	<u> X </u>	
Berrien Springs Village, - Rachel Kuzda	<u> X </u>	

CONTRACTED SERVICE AREA REPRESENTATIVES:

Bainbridge Twp., - Samantha Droskie (Nancy)	<u> X </u>
Coloma City, Coloma Twp., - Wes Smigielski	<u> X </u>
Hagar Twp., Izzy Dimaggio, Wade Arends	<u> X </u>
Watervliet, Maryann Pater	<u> X </u>
Pipestone Twp. Mike Haskin	<u> X </u>

MEDIC 1 EMPLOYEES:

Jason Wiley, Director	<u> X </u>
Tony Perkins, Operations Supervisor	<u> X </u>
Mike Schultz, Supervisor	<u> X </u>
Jason Russell, Dispatch	<u> X </u>
Carlos Luna, Supervisor	<u> X </u>
Cody Phillips, Supervisor	<u> X </u>
Laura White, Dispatcher	<u> X </u>
Kristin Patterson, Education	<u> X </u>
Crystal White, education	<u> X </u>

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COREWELL HEALTH SOUTH EMPLOYEES:

None

PUBLIC:

ROLL CALL AND MINUTES:

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman Darwin Watson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called, and the above-listed quorum was present.
- A motion was made by Cathy Yates seconded by Allen Weich to approve the May 28, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- Financial Report – was explained by Larry Schalk CFO was present to explain that the financial statement for March, April, and May which show's a loss of \$40,000. For the first Quarter.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

- The list of bills for the month of May 2026 was presented and a motion to approve the bills was made by Ed Menny and seconded by Michelle Heit totaling \$799,348.50. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

Mike Hildbrand reported on SMACS merger and also on the subsidies increase and about some communities not paying the increase. Allex Little stated that Benton Harbor City can't pay the increased subsidy rate.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Jason reported that their first new hire academy to get 15 new hires through paper work, training and driving all at once, the new hires were possible due to the new education programs.
- Jason is working with the Attorney to get the contracted service areas transferred to ownership and voting rights set up.
- New software for CAD, looking at ESO

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OPERATIONS REPORT:

. Tony reported that the first new hire academy went well, they are assessing the wheel chair division, and the new software will help with accuracy.

DISPATCH

No report

EDUCATION:

Crystal White reported very busy with annual State of Michigan reports and working with LMC for a new site for EMT classes and working with MI Works for an apprenticeship program, finished the annual driving course and the Adult and high school EMT classes had 15 graduates.

HOSPITAL REPORT:

None

CONTRACTED SERVICE AREA

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OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Jason explained the billing co. agreement and they take 4.45% of billings and need current employees for one year in the transition to the new billing system, discussion followed.

A motion by Allen Weich, supported by Michelle Heit to approve a contract with EMS/MC for billing services, discussion followed, a roll call vote was taken

Berring Springs village; Yes, New Buffalo City; Yes, St. Joseph City; Yes,

Bridgman City; Yes, Benton Harbor City; Yes, Weesaw Twp.; Yes,

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New Buffalo Twp.; Yes, Lincoln Twp.; Yes, Lake Twp.; Absent, Chikaming Twp.; Yes,
Berrien Twp.; Yes, Benton Twp. Abstain, Baroda Twp.; No,**

Motion Carried

Larry reported that he is reviewing and will have a new process for bad debt, asked if anyone has any input to contact him with suggestions.

Executive Committee offices were opened up for appointments for the next year. A motion by Dave Chandler, supported by Michelle Heit to keep the same executive committee for another year. Voice vote, motion carried.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Steve reported a resident said they had very good service, Izzy said they have been getting exceptional service in Hagar, Allen said the past several years we have moved Medic I forward and that the increased subsidy may effect budgets but the Medic I subsidy represents a small investment compared to Fire and Law Enforcement services.

Next meeting will be June 25, 2026

A motion by Cathy Yates, supported by Allen Weich to adjourn at 9:34 a.m., Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted-

Steve Tilly

Medic 1 Board Secretary/Treasurer