

**Mobile Intensive Care Trust Meeting**  
**Edwardsville Public Safety Building/Fire Department 2nd Floor Conference Room**  
**333 S. Main Street, Edwardsville IL**  
**July 8, 2022 4:30 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

A special meeting of the Mobile Intensive Care Trust was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Chairman Abel Anderson at the Edwardsville Public Safety Building. Present were members Mr. Anderson, Mr. Keith Page, Mr. Kevin Raider, and Fire Chief James Whiteford. Attending via Zoom was member Rick Welle.

**Input from the public:** None.

Mr. Rader introduced himself as the newest member of the trust. He is an Edwardsville resident and works in the financial crimes division of Wells Fargo.

**Communications:** A letter from Chief Whiteford had been sent previously requesting funds for the purchase of a used monitor/defibrillator from the Glen Carbon Fire Protection District.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the June 29, 2021 meeting were presented. Motion by Mr. Page, second by Chief Whiteford to approve as presented, carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Chief Whiteford noted that the formal duties of the fund's treasurer will now be assumed by the city's financial director following reorganization of the City's administration, which no longer includes an elected treasurer. Jeannie Wojcieszak is the current financial director. She reported to Chief Whiteford that the balance of the fund is \$260,365.25. Of that, the amount of \$233,519 was the initial endowment, which should be kept in the fund to accrue investment income. Motion by Mr. Welle, second by Mr. Page to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Chief Whiteford, carried.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Chief Whiteford detailed how the Fire Department EMS division uses its current monitor/defibrillators, which have capabilities of doing 12 and 15 lead ECGs, pacing, defibrillation, blood pressure monitoring and pulse oximetry. Each of the Department's four ambulances has a unit. The Department also runs with three front-line engines licensed as Advanced Life Support units; each of those has a automatic electronic defibrillator (AED) which has considerably less functionality for the medics. Chief Whiteford stated that when a front-line monitor/defibrillator is in need of service, the Department has to shut down that ambulance for lack of a backup.

Glen Carbon FPD reached out the EFD to offer one of its monitor/defibrillators at the trade-in value of \$9000. Glen Carbon is upgrading and going to a different manufacturer. Chief Whiteford stated that this matching unit could be placed on a front-line engine, and could also be used as a backup when one of the others is out for service. Cost of a new unit exceeds \$30,000. Chief Whiteford stated that Glen Carbon has one other unit, but at this time there are no plans he is aware of for that unit. He stated the used unit should be good for up to 10 more years. Motion by Mr. Page, second by Mr. Rader to approve the purchase of one used monitor/defibrillator from the Glen Carbon FPD at a cost of \$9000, carried.


**Good of the Organization:** Chief Whiteford discussed a new international study/program in which the Department is partnering with Anderson Hospital and Glen Carbon FPF. The program implements new neuro-protective CPR guidelines. The national average for return of spontaneous circulation (ROSC) using traditional CPR guidelines is 23%; with the new guidelines, that increases to 60%. Additionally

there are a greater number of patients leaving the hospital with reduced or no disability. One guideline includes “Pit Crew CPR” where each crew member is given a specific “station” through the event. Chief Whiteford stated this has already decreased by a full minute the amount of time it takes to deliver a first shock to a patient in cardiac fibrillation. The Department is transitioning to I-Gel airways, which allow placement without stopping CPR. Eventually, the Department may move to the use of Ele-GUARD patient positioning devices, which automatically raise the patient’s head slowly during effective CPR. These devices cost approximately \$10,000 and the Department could conceivably ask the MICT for assistance before the end of the year.

Mr. Page spoke briefly regarding the COVID pandemic. He said the hospital is seeing admissions rise, with 17 COVID patients currently in house, where just a few weeks prior there were zero.

With no further business at hand, motion by Mr. Page, second by Mr. Rader to adjourn at 5:00 p.m., carried.

Minutes approved on December 12, 2022

  
Chairman Abel Anderson