

Board Conference Room  
July 19, 2018  
Board of Commissioners Minutes

The Special meeting of the Oceana County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Powers in the Board Conference Room on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Roll was called by the Clerk. Present: Mr. Brown, Mr. Byl, Mr. Gustafson, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Sebolt, Mr. Walker and Mr. Powers. Absent: None.

Moved by Mr. Gustafson and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 meeting as presented. Voice vote. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1 – AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIFE EMS**

Moved by Mr. Sebolt and seconded by Mr. Gustafson to authorize the County Administrator to enter into final negotiations with Life EMS for a multi-year agreement to provide paramedic services to Oceana County, including the related property lease agreements for buildings, vehicles, and equipment. The Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners is authorized to sign all necessary documents.

Roll call vote: Mr. Sebolt-yes; Mr. Gustafson-yes; Ms. Meyette-yes; Mr. Walker-no; Mr. Byl-no; Mr. Brown-no; and, Mr. Powers-yes. Absent: None.

Motion carried.

Mr. Gustafson noted that even though he supported the resolution, it was a very difficult decision for him. He commented that Oceana County EMS has a very good group of staff and has provided outstanding service to the community. The quality of service can be accredited to the emergency medical team. His concern is mainly for the future of the EMS department. Partnering with Life EMS can provide enhanced oversight, added dept to the staff and regional resources. Hopefully many of the same personnel will continue to provide the same quality care.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following offered comments opposed to an agreement with Life EMS:

- Justin Jimison, Grant Township
- Nanette Homan, SEIU Representative
- Larry Van Sickle, Elbridge Township resident
- Chris Schoenherr, EMS Employee

Chairperson Powers asked if there was any further business to come before the Board. There being none, the meeting recessed at 9:23 a.m.

  
Rebecca J. Griffin, Clerk

8-9-18  
Date

  
Mr. Powers, Chairperson