

**DECEMBER 28, 2023
JASPER, FLORIDA**

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, Florida, met in special session on, December 28, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing changes in EMS billing rates and the Board meeting date change in the Board Room, 207 Northeast First Street, Jasper, Florida. Present were Commissioners Travis Erixton, Robbie Roberson, Jimmy Murphy, Richie McCoy and Robert Brown, a full Board being present. Also present were County Attorney Andy Decker and County Coordinator Gary Godwin.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCoy.

DISCUSSION OF EMS BILLING RATES

Emergency Medical Services Director Tiphonie Daniels and Assistant Director John Smith discussed with the Board the proposed changes to the billing rates as recommended by the new billing company. After a lengthy discussion, the Board took the following action:

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to allow the change to the EMS billing rates as recommended by EMS Director Tiphonie Daniels and allow EMS to have the flexibility to make changes for Medicare and Medicaid as approved by the County Coordinator. Second was made by Commissioner Brown, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Board discussed the need to change the next Board meeting date to January 3rd due to January 2nd being a county holiday. The Board also announced that there will not be a pre-agenda meeting.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to change the Board meeting date from January 2nd to January 3rd due to the holiday. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels discussed the quotes received from the Collections Company and the recommended choice from the new billing company.

- Motion by Commissioner Roberson to cancel the current contract with EMS Collections and to enter into contract with Data Max as recommended by the new billing company EMS-MC with County Attorney Andy Decker to draft the contract with specific language allowing the Board to discontinue the contract without conflict if so desired. Second was made by Commissioner Erixton, motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Ms. Daniels briefly discussed the possible change to the Special Event rates; however, the Board stated that the rates should remain the same and will be addressed in the future.

There being no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman McCoy adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.

RICHIE MCCOY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

GREG GODWIN, EX-OFFICIO CLERK

