Ohio County Commission
March 27, 2025

The Ohio County Commission met in special session by teleconference on Friday, March 27, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Zach Abraham.

Mr. Lou Vargo and Mr. Anthony Campbell would like to use Opioid Funds to purchase ResQCPR machines. Mr. Campbell stated deaths are rising because drugs are laced with fentanyl and cardiac resuscitation is critical once arriving on scene. The ResQCPR machines offer effective, uninterrupted chest compressions. The POD helps with blood flow which leads to a successful resuscitation. Mr. Vargo and Mr. Campbell would like to purchase 22 of the machines at a cost of $46,441.66.

Mr. Russell asked why the equipment could not go out to bid. Mr. Vargo stated Zoll was the only company that made this equipment that serviced this area and the price was set to rise by 20% on April 1, 2025.

Mr. Nickerson asked if we were comfortable that this purchase qualified under the opioid funding parameters. Mr. Vargo stated he felt very comfortable with the purchase because opioids were causing the problem. Mr. Campbell further stated CPR must be started immediately or the brain is deprived of oxygen. Mr. Russell further stated he felt this purchase qualified for the funding.

Mr. Abraham asked why the County was paying for ResQCPR machines for the City. Mr. Vargo stated the City helps the County immensely on calls and they work as a team.

After there were no further questions, the purchase of 22 ResQCPR machines went up for a vote. Mr. Wharton made a motion to approve the purchase, while Mr. Nickerson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

Zachary T. Abraham, President

Randel A. Russell, Administrator