

AGENDA ITEM # 23June 1, 1999

Consider awarding, rejecting or extending bid for air conditioners for ambulances.

EMS Director John Sneed recommended awarding low bidder San Antonio Ambulance Sales \$34,500.00 bid for minimum 15 systems installed.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Hays

Motion: To award low bidder San Antonio Ambulance Sales bid for 15 or more 120v ambulance air conditioner/heater systems in the amount of \$34,500.00.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0

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Hear presentation for Texas Association of Counties on loss control financial impact study with suggestions for safety program implementation.

Texas Association of Counties Safety Specialist Rob Gibbs introduced himself to the court discussing how to save money, have more productivity in work force and ways to accomplish these issues.

Mr. Gibbs also introduced Texas Association of Counties insurance salesman John Payne.

Mr. Gibbs distributed a three (3) year analysis of losses of automobiles and workers compensation in Williamson County. Failure to yield was the biggest cause of vehicle accidents. He suggested a unified loss control program for Williamson County by forming a central committee composed of employees of some of the larger departments such as Road and Bridge, EMS, Sheriff's Department, CSCD and the Juvenile Center.

Emergency Medical Services Director John Sneed has tried to institute some driving programs (which seems to be biggest problem area) but cannot find an area to drive (1 1/4 to 1 1/2 mile track). At one time he had a grant to cover the expense of the training.

Benefits Department Lisa Zerkel suggested it would take the efforts of all departments for this program to work.

Commissioner Assistant Julie Lyon suggested appointing one individual to head the effort.

Judge Doerfler advised this is the first year since he has been County Judge that Williamson County has not received a safety award.

Emergency Medical Services Director John Sneed advised his employees are driving four (4) times as many miles this year as 5/10 years ago. His department has suffered 2 rear end collisions to ambulances stopped on 620. He felt sure the Sheriff's Department mileage had also increased.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To appoint Lee Garrett to coordinate a committee to identify loss and injury areas, increase employees awareness and train employees in order to provide a safe work environment.

Vote:

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion Restated: To appoint Benefits Director Lisa Zerkel Coordinator to work with Lee Garrett and Julie Lyon coordinating a committee to identify loss and injury areas, increase employee awareness as well as train employees in order to provide a safe work environment.

Vote: Motion carried 4 - 0