

Special Joint Meeting Agenda
Town of Christiana, Town of Lake Mills
Village of Cambridge, Village of Rockdale
October 8, 2025, at 6:30 PM

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Chair Jim Lowrey, Supervisors Steve Kriedeman, Dawn Redford, Clerk-Treasurer Kathleen Egge, Board members of Village of Cambridge Board and Village of Rockdale Board and many members of the represented communities.

PROCEDURAL

The meeting was called to order, roll calls were taken for each municipality (All Town of Christiana Board members were present.) It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed and posted, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of the agenda

Jim Lowrey motioned to approve the agenda. Dawn Redford seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

6. Public Comment

A Town of Oakland resident came to the meeting and commended the commission for gathering and working together to make decisions needed. She was concerned about response times in Oakland and hoped that if Oakland ever wanted to rejoin the commission, that they would take it into consideration.

A resident of the Village of Cambridge was looking for a commission budget number. That number was still being worked on and could not yet be given.

7. Discussion and possible action on amendment requiring unanimous approval of budget

Dawn Redford moved to have unanimous approval of budget verses the majority. Steve Kriedeman seconded.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

8. Discussion and possible action on 2026 Budget

The budget was reviewed. Question and answers ensued.

Steve Kriedeman moved to deny the budget. Dawn Redford seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

9. Guest speakers and Community Q&A

James Small introduced himself and the company he works for. He provided information regarding issues with the increasing costs of EMS and how he helped communities to identify problems and help work toward solutions.

Paul Stevens works for Innovative Public Advisors as a Fire and EMS Advisor. He is currently working with the Village of Cambridge and is funded through the Innovation Planning Grant. He has been involved in a lot of studies for collaboration and consolidation options to try and find cost savings for communities.

Both men spent a lot of time answering questions in turn from the commission and the various municipalities represented.

10. Discussion and possible action on Commission sustainability

It was requested that the commission reach out to Oakland and ask what it would take for them to come back to our commission. The commission said they could do that, but that contracts have been signed making a short order return to the commission unfeasible. A lot of discussion was had regarding sustainability and its practicability. Many options and ideas were shared and considered. All municipalities expressed the fact that the cost was unsustainable.

NO ACTION TAKEN

11. Public Comment

A volunteer fireman asked if all the municipalities would be in support to the volunteer fire department perusing the EMR program for the department. The municipalities stated they would be in support of that program.

Another town of Oakland resident encouraged the commission to reach out to the Oakland board and speak with them about the possibility of fire only IGA.

The Town of Lake Mills was rhetorically asked by a volunteer fireman if the commission went to a fire only IGA why wouldn't they want to be serviced by Cambridge volunteer fire department.

A Christiana resident expressed his sadness over the thought of losing local EMS. He encouraged rebuilding the EMS from the ground up and pointed out the innovation grant could help cover costs to do so.

Another resident's comment toward EMS was that high-tech service comes with high costs. If high-tech is what we want, then we have to expect the high cost.

12. Discussion and possible action of IGA amendment which allows for change of service

Discussion was had regarding the amendment that was brought forth and voted on by some of the municipalities earlier in the spring. The wording of the amendment allows the commission or the municipality to contract for EMS services. Commission wanted to look at and possibly rework the wording of the amendment review the amendment

The commission's Alicia Heins motioned to table 'item 12'. Kristin Blackwood seconded the motion. **Motion passed unanimously.**

(N/A for Christiana)

13. Future agenda items

The commission discussed future agenda items. (N/A for Christiana)

14. Next Commission meeting date

October 15, 2026, at 6:30pm at the station. (N/A for Christiana)

15. ADJOURNMENT

Dawn Redford moved to adjourn. Steve Kriedeman seconded the motion.

MOTION PASSED 3-0

*Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Egge, Clerk-Treasurer*