

Rusk County Emergency Services

Minutes

February 9, 2022

Present: Schneider, Stout, Pedersen, Schmitt, Dobrowolski

Others Present: Jeff Wallace, George Murray, Tom Hall, Jim Rassbach, Miranda Kron, Jerilea Hendricks

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chair Schmitt at 8:00am

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Stout, second by Pedersen to approve the January 12, 2022 minutes with correction. Motion carried.

Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Working on off-site plans for upcoming meeting on 03/18/2022
- LP 500 AEDs that are no longer FDA approved have been collected/replaced for all county entities. There are schools and churches still in possession of the LP 500 that have been informed they will need to dispose of, or give to Hall for disposal
- Updates given on operation of ambulances and EMR classes
- AD HOC committee will need to be established for hiring 5 new employees – committee will discuss further after a date/time for interviews is set
- Training Request: 03/07 – 03/10 WEM Conference in WI Dells. Motion by Stout, second by Schneider to approve training request.
- Hall is currently working on a location for EMTs and/or out-of-town trainees to stay when they are working a night shift.
- Motion by Schneider, second by Dobrowolski to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: any negative amounts will be covered when 2021 grant dollars from the state come in

Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation

- Rassbach expressed a thank you to the Deputy ME's for their hard work and dedication during his healing time after a recent surgery
- Monthly Death Statistics – Rassbach noted that any “pending” report is due to the toxicology reports taking up to 12 weeks for completion
- AWD Van – deferred until state offering for 2022 is available.
- The interview for an additional Deputy ME has been cancelled
- Request for eFax App – Each ME will have the app on their phone; \$20/month/phone. Concerns with cost of the app to use for faxing a document that could potentially be sent via email. Rassbach explained to the committee that there are certain entities that will not accept medical documents via email due to HIPAA violations; faxing the document is more secure. Motion by Schneider, second by Stout to approve the purchase of up to 4 eFax apps for ME use. Motion carried; Dobrowolski opposed.
- EC storage expense – currently have a decedent being held in Eau Claire until the toxicology report is complete. This is an atypical case; concerns there may need to be further toxicology completed after the initial report comes back.
- Currently researching cost for device to scan/create PDF out for hard copy documents received. No action from the committee needed at this time.
- Training Request: None
- Motion by Stout, second by Pedersen to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: budget is on track

Rusk County Sheriff presentation

- Noted corrections for current inmate population – 1 EMP inmate; 0 inmates housed out of county

- Training Request: Olson 02/27 – 03/01 WI Assoc. Women Police Conf.; Grassmann 02/28 – 03/04, 05/02 – 05/06, 06/06 – 06/10 Command College; Branstad & Z Neal 03/07 – 03/08 Search Warrant School; Reisner & K9 Boone 04/08 – 04/09, 04/23 – 04/26, 06/05 – 06/07 K9 Trials, High Threat K9 Training, PD1 Trials; Wojcik & Egle 02/28 Calibre Press; Olynick & Tuma 02/23 – 02/25 WILA Land GIS (Spillman). Motion by Schneider, second by Dobrowolski to approve training requests.
- Motion by Schneider, second by Pedersen to approve the payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Over-time Report: Patrol has been under, jail/dispatch is over. After a new jail/dispatch employee is hired, the over-time should go back down.
- Budget Review: budget is on track
- Tower move update from Ancom Communications; they do not recommend moving the tower to the previously discussed location due to receptors/frequency issues that could result in missed correspondence for RUSO. The tower move will be added to the next agenda for further committee discussion.
- Cell Phone Update: Chief Deputy Grassmann has requested upgrading the patrol deputy's cell phones – currently using a flip phone for correspondence and a digital camera for any evidence photos. Upgrading the phones to all smart phones will eliminate the purchase of digital cameras and will be an easier/clearer upload for the evidence photos. Reviewed cost increase with committee members. Motion by Dobrowolski, second by Schneider to approve upgrading the deputy cell phones. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Wallace announced he will be seeking another four-year term

Next Meeting Date

March 9, 2022 at 8:00am

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:26am