

Rusk County Emergency Services

Minutes

February 8, 2023

Present: Schneider, Cudo, Wedwick, Schmitt, Gudis

Others Present: Jeff Wallace, George Murray, Tom Hall, Annette Grotzinger, Miranda Kron, Ashley Heath

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00am

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve minutes from the January 11, 2023 committee meeting as prepared. Motion carried.

Public Comment

None

Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Reviewed monthly report including ambulance needs/repairs.
- Training Requests: None
- Tom brought to the attention of the committee that the house west of the current rental house for EMTs is for sale. Large house with more space and a garage. Mentioned it may be a good idea to start thinking about purchasing a home for a reasonable cost to avoid putting money into a rental. By committee consensus, approved for Tom to discuss the option of buying a house with the respective committees, or committee chairs, and the administrative coordinator.
- Discussion held regarding compensation for staff who chose to complete refresher trainings online rather than attend in person, or have a virtual training which are paid for at the cost of the County. There are currently training options provided at zero cost and will count towards CE Credits. No action taken by committee; Tom will move forward with establishing a compensation option in these cases.
- Motion by Schneider, second by Gudis to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review

Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation

- Monthly death statistics and department savings in cost reviewed. Annette explained to the committee that she will no longer have a Verizon phone bill as she has elected to use her personal phone for work rather than carry 2 phones. Discussion held on the possibility that her phone could be subpoenaed if she is using it for work and during cases. Annette opts to move forward with using her personal cell phone for work rather than continue having a county issued cell phone.
- Decedent cot that was scheduled to arrive November 2022 is now pushed out with a delivery date of March 2023.
- Training Requests: None
- Annette mentioned to the committee she would like to post for a deputy position in a few weeks – this position will be an “on-call” only and the deputy will only be paid when they go to a call. No action required as this is an existing position.
- Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review

Rusk County Sheriff presentation

- Reviewed monthly report; 5 inmates (1 billable) housed out of county
- Training Requests: Request for Rhein to attend Jail School in Rhinelander was removed; found an option in Eau Claire.
Zebro & Root [03/21 – 03/23 – Basic Breath Examiner Specialist – Rice Lake, WI] Rhein [04/10 – 05/12 – Jail Academy – Eau Claire, WI] Hraban & Olson [05/07 – 05/10 – NENA Conference – WI Dells] Duchnowski [03/15 – 03/16 – Corrections/Jail Officer Inservice – Rice Lake, WI] Olynick [02/22 – 02/24 – WLIA Conference – WI Dells] Kron [04/12 – 04/13 – Civil Process Conference – Stevens Point, WI].
Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to approve all training requests with the addition of Kron to the list of requests. Motion carried.
- Motion by Gudis, second by Wedwick to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Reviewed LUMEN maintenance contract for dispatch phones and wireless 911 system (previously CenturyLink). Explained that when the initial contract was agreed upon, it covered the maintenance for a 5yr term; the 5yrs is now up and will be an annual fee. No action needed; funds are in the Sheriff/Jail budget.
- Discussion on requiring pre-payment for civil process. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve the requirement of all civil process papers from any non-governmental entity. Motion carried.
- Budget Review
- Separation of Jail/Dispatch: No new updates; will continue to discuss at AD HOC Master Plan meetings.
- Radio Upgrade: No update

Next Meeting Date

March 8, 2023

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:18am