

Rusk County Emergency Services

Minutes

April 13, 2022

Present: Schneider, Stout, Pedersen, Schmitt, Dobrowolski

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

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dobrowolski, second by Stout to approve minutes from March 9, 2022 committee meeting as prepared. Motion carried.

Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Working with the state for 2023 POW and Disaster assessment plans
- Weather Spotter classes scheduled – 04/25 and 05/09; both at 6:00pm
- The weather drills held the beginning of April all passed
- Reviewed ambulance needs/repairs. The new ambulance (253) is estimated to be delivered this month; unexpected overages for cost were approved by the Property Committee 04/08/2022.
- House move-in date for EMT rental house is scheduled for 05/01/2022 if the house is ready.
- 4 new FT EMTs hired and will begin orientation 04/16/2022. EMT schedule is currently set for 36-hour shifts – will evaluate how the shift hours are working after 6 months.
- Reviewed and discussed moving forward with using the I am Responding app. Captain Murray showed video for committee members highlighting what I am Responding (IAR) is used for. The IAR app offers a free 60-day trial, the cost is then determined by the number of pages that come through. Motion by Schneider, second by Dobrowolski to move forward with the 60-day free trial for I am Responding. Motion carried.
- Training Requests: none
- Motion by Schneider, second by Pedersen to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: Grant dollars have been received and budget is balanced.

Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation

- Monthly Death Statistics: no changes from previous month
- Training Request: none. Annual training has been cancelled in recent years due to COVID, has been scheduled for 2022.
- Decedent Cot has a confirmed delivery date of November 22, 2022
- Replacement AWD van has been deferred until state 2022 offering is available
- Position opening for Deputy ME: applications received, but applicants live out of Rusk County (closest applicant is 2hrs away). Position will remain open.
- EC Storage – case is resolved/storage is ended. Invoice has not been received yet. Discussion held regarding potential need for a storage space for the County to avoid charges if a decedent is being held for an extended amount of time.
- Motion by Dobrowolski, second by Stout to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.

- Budget Review: budget is on track

Rusk County Sheriff presentation

- Reviewed monthly report; 2 out of county inmates being housed (1 billable; 1 not billable)
- Training Request: Olynick [04/07 – Pipeline Safety; Holcombe] Buehler, Grassmann, Wallace, Wojcik [04/11-04/13 – Management Conference; Hayward] Ohmstead [04/19-04/22 – LEOA; Appleton] Olynick, Brittany Rickey [04/24-04/28 – Spillman Summit 2022; Orlando, FL.] Baier [05/23-05/26 Basic SWAT; Eau Claire] Wallace [05/03-05/05 BSSA Annual Conference; Oshkosh]. Motion by Stout, second by Dobrowolski to add Sheriff Wallace's request to attend BSSA Conference to the list and approve all other training requests. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Wallace notified committee of the Law Enforcement Memorial service to take place Tuesday May 17, 2022 at 7:00pm
- Motion by Dobrowolski, second by Stout to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: budget is on track
- Write-off Request: Past due statement for a civil process (completed 10/22/2021) has been sent multiple times; addresses on file come back from USPS as undeliverable. Request to write off the \$90.00 balance. Moving forward this will be a non-issue as the Sheriff's Office now requires pre-payment for Civil Process when received from a private party. Motion by Schneider, second by Stout to write off the balance of \$90.00 for Civil Process #883. Motion carried.
- Tower move update: Captain Murray has been in contact with Harmony Towers who owns the south tower in Sheldon (in Rusk County). Murray is waiting for a call back to discuss lease options. Murray will reach out to Embridge Tower who owns the tower in Chippewa County; approx. ½ mile south of the Rusk County line.
- Separation of Jail/Dispatch: Sheriff Wallace will present at the County Board meeting this month
- Position for FT/PT Jail/Dispatch is still open; application due date has been left open-ended at this time. Interviews held 03/23 were unsuccessful.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Schneider had questions regarding Resolution #21-34 and is asking for clarity on the wording of said Resolution. Discussion held; will add to the May agenda for any potential action to be taken.

Next Meeting Date

May 11, 2022 at 8:00am

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:21am