

Rusk County Emergency Services Minutes

May 8, 2024

Present: Schneider, Gorsegner, Vohs, Wedwick, Cudo

Others Present: Sheriff Wallace, George Murray, Tom Hall (via speaker phone), Annette Grotzinger, Miranda Kron, Ashley Heath, Ashley Gudis, Michael Hraban

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Sheriff Wallace at 8:00am

Elect Committee Chair

Sheriff Wallace called for nominations for Emergency Services Committee Chairman.

Cudo nominated Wedwick for Emergency Services Chairman.

Sheriff Wallace called for additional nominations three times.

Committee consensus for Wedwick as committee chair by unanimous ballot.

Elect Committee Vice Chair

Chair Wedwick called for nominations for Emergency Services Committee Vice Chairman.

Wedwick nominated Cudo for Emergency Services Vice Chairman.

Wedwick called for additional nominations three times.

Committee consensus for Cudo as committee vice chair by unanimous ballot.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to approve the April 10, 2024 minutes as prepared. Motion carried.

Public Comment

District 3 Council Member, Mike Hraban introduced himself to the committee. He will attend all Emergency Services meetings as the City of Ladysmith representative; non-voting member of the committee.

Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Reviewed monthly report including ambulance needs/repairs and general department updates.
- Out-of-County Training Requests: none
- *Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.*
- Budget Review: 2023 finalized budget and 2024 ytd budget
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE): Verbal update from Tom Hall and Wedwick regarding new state requirements. Hall will show proof of training, employees, etc. to verify all correct certifications are met to operate the ambulance services. The town, village and city clerks are then responsible to verifying the budget is being allocated accordingly. No action.

Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation

- Reviewed monthly report including death statistics and general department updates.
- Out-of-County Training Requests: none
- Medical Examiner Staffing and Compensation Adjustments Resolution: Discussion held.
Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to forward the resolution to County Board as amended. Motion carried.
- *Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.*

- Budget Review: 2023 finalized budget and 2024 ytd budget

Rusk County Sheriff presentation

- Reviewed monthly report including inmate housing updates, calls for service, overtime costs, and general department updates.
- Out-of-County Training Requests: Anderson [06/03-06/06 – FTO School – Waukesha, WI] Gronski [08/13-08/16 – WNOA Conference – Green Bay, WI] *Motion by Gorsegner, second by Vobs to approve all out of county training requests. Motion carried.*
- *Motion by Gorsegner, second by Cudo to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.*
- Budget Review: 2023 finalized and 2024 ytd budget
- Jail Medical Proposals: Murray gave verbal update of jail medical services changing and the reason for putting out an RFP in March 2024. Proposals were taken to the Finance committee for review and approval; Finance requested the proposal be updated to reflect the fiscal year. Contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare has been updated and will be an 18-month contract to keep within the fiscal year; contract will end 12/31/2025. *Motion by Gorsegner, second by Vobs to forward the 18-month contract to the County Board for final approval. Motion carried.*
- Radio Project Updates: Discussion held regarding coverage options and cost. Both vendors who submitted proposals will be invited to present to the Property committee on June 14th. Chair Wedwick and committee members came to the consensus to have a joint Emergency Services and Property committee meeting on June 14th so both committees are brought up to date on the project at the same time.
- Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant: Sheriff Wallace gave overview of the grant award and explained that due to the deadline of acceptance, the department had County Board Chair Kalepp sign off on acceptance. *Motion by Schneider, second by Gorsegner to accept the award for the Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant. Motion carried.*
- Recruitment and Retention: Sheriff Wallace informed the committee that there will be a presentation to Personnel on May 9th in regards to the issues the Sheriff's Office is having with recruitment and retention.
- Amend Resolution #16-17 Amend Rusk County Sheriff's Office Reserve Deputy (Casual) & Court Security (Casual) Wage Compensation: Reviewed the presented resolution with the committee. Requested an amendment to include the Court Security Officer with this resolution and remove Court Security from the established wage scale. *Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve the resolution as amended and forward to Personnel, Finance and County Board. Motion carried.*
- Squad Usage of Highway Gas Pumps: Per requested by the Finance committee, discussion held regarding the number of Kwik Trip fuel receipts for squad cars. Sheriff Wallace explained that the ERT armored vehicle and his squad are typically the only vehicles to use the Ladysmith Kwik Trip for fuel; strictly to keep the Kwik Trip Extended account active. The other deputies utilize their Kwik Trip Extended fuel cards when they are out of county and do not have access to the fuel pumps at the Highway shop. No action taken; Wedwick will update the Finance committee and call Sheriff Wallace if further questions arise.

Motion by Gorsegner, second by Schneider to enter into closed session at 9:39am. All voting members responded yes.

CLOSED SESSION – announced by Chair Wedwick

Employee Job Performance Issue WI Stats 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.

OPEN SESSION – at 9:56am

Next Regular Meeting Date

June 12, 2024 at 8:00am

Joint Emergency Service and Property Meeting Date

June 14, 2024 at 8:30am

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:58am