

Rusk County Emergency Services
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 8:00 AM

Present: Schmitt, Schneider, Stout, Dobrowolski, Pedersen and Becca Strickland

Others present: Sheriff Wallace, Tom Hall, Jim Rassbach, Jerilea Hendrick, and Andy Albarado via video conference.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Schmitt at 8:00 AM.
2. Schneider/Dobrowolski motion to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes, carried.
3. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
 - a. Tom Hall presented the Monthly EMA/Ambulance report which included EMA/AMB, training, meetings and end of year stats. New ambulance is in service, open EMT position is advertised. Equipment needs are 5 monitors, 5 CPAP regulators, 4 Lucas devices and 30 AEDs to replace EMT/FR and Police end of life units. Old AED's are obsolete.
 - b. Training request – Nothing out of county.
 - c. Payment of bills – \$11,386.50 dated 5/5/21. – Stout /Pedersen motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
 - d. Collections – issues with insurance provider.
 - e. Community involvement – attempting to get JELD-WEN to approve first responders
 - f. Write-offs - none
 - g. Wage increase and change to EMT and EMR wages following the other County employee's increases – county employees receive a percentage and EMT/EMR pay does not follow this wage increase. In the past wages were increased by resolution. Hall will bring resolution next month.
 - h. Incentive pay for years of service –Need to look into this
 - i. Ambulance equipment purchases – 5 monitors, 5 CPAP regulators, 4 Lucas devices and 30 AEDs. Old AEDs are obsolete.
 - j. 2021 Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution – Schneider/Stout motion to approve and forward to the county board, motion carried.
 - k. 2021 Budget review
4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
 - a. Monthly report – Rassbach presented the monthly report for March. There were 16 natural deaths, 1 accidental death, 0 suicide, 1 homicide, 1 autopsy, 0 overdose, 0 organ referral recovery, 0 Covid/Covid, 14 cremations, 0 vital records and 4 pending. Rassbach informed the committee when delay in homicide case, the Cremation Society of WI I Altoona will be used for freezer storage. Nash Jackan provides cold storage.
 - b. Training requests – none at this time.
 - c. Payment of bills – \$813.23 dated 5/5/21 – Schneider/Dobrowolski motion to approve Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
 - d. ME van replacement – Rassbach is looking into a Toyota Sienna LE with AWD.
 - e. 2021 Budget review – anticipates will be over budget in 2021

Discussion followed on the ME position work load. Schmitt will check with Tom Hanson (Personnel) regarding a joint ES/Personnel meeting with closed session to discuss issues.

5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
 - a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the April monthly reports which included inmate population, training, meetings, calls for service, inmate housing A/R and overtime. Average daily inmate population was 41 in April and average daily EMP was 2. The average daily number of inmates housed out of county was 1.
 - b. Training requests:
Wojcik 8/30-9/21, FBI LEEDA Command Leadership, Eau Claire – Schneider/Dobrowolski motion to approve training, motion carried.
 - c. Payment of bills –\$41,086.82 dated 5/5/21 – Stout/Pedersen motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
 - d. Update on Resolutions – A Jail Facility Study and Master Plan for All County Owned Buildings – this is on the Finance agenda
 - e. Law Enforcement Memorial Service – Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 7:00 PM, Legacy Amphitheater
 - f. 2021 budget review
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 8:00 AM.
7. Stout/Pedersen motion to adjourn at 9:30 AM, motion carried.