

Rusk County Emergency Services
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 9, 2021 - 8:00 AM

Present: Schmitt, Schneider, Stout, Dobrowolski and Pedersen.

Absent: Becca Stricklen

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

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Schmitt at 8:00 AM.
2. Pedersen/Stout motion to approve the May 12, 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. Hall is looking into creating a FT night shift in Bruce which would help with coverage from 6 pm – 6 am seven days a week and 254 would not need to centralize as much. Bruce also has accommodations for overnight.
 - b. Training request – Nothing out of county.
 - c. Payment of bills – \$8,485.58 dated 6/2/21. Pedersen/Schneider motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
 - d. Collections – nothing to report.
 - e. Community involvement - Mid-August Hawkins is working on a First Responders class.
 - f. Write-offs - none
 - g. Resolution for Wage Adjustment and Future Wage Increase – Stout/Dobrowolski motion to forward the resolution with amendments to Personnel, Schneider abstained, motion carried.
 - h. Incentive pay for years of service –Hall explained his concerns and is working on a solution.
 - i. Ambulance equipment purchases – Hall obtained quotes from ZOLL and Stryker for AED's, monitor/defib and Lucas devices. It was recommended to go with the Stryker equipment which is compatible with the Marshfield Clinic System. Equipment needs to bring the ambulance service to the next level are:
Stryker: Lifepak CR2Defib, replace 35 for a total of \$62,269.85. Pedersen/Schneider motion to recommend the LP CR2 Defib and forward to Property, motion carried.
Stryker: Lifepak15 V4 Monitor/Defib, purchase 4, totals \$150,902.96.
Pedersen/Dobrowolski motion to recommend the LP15 V4 and forward to Property, motion carried.
Stryker: Lucas 3 Device, Chest compression system, purchase 4, totals \$84,930.12.
Pedersen/Dobrowolski motion to recommend the LUCAS and forward to Property, motion carried.
Stryker: Powerload, equipment to load power cots in ambulance. Purchase 3 with care plan, total \$103,097.40. Pedersen/Dobrowolski motion to recommend the purchase of Powerloads and forward to Property, motion carried.
 - j. 2021 Budget review – in good shape.
4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
 - a. Monthly report – Rassbach presented the monthly report for May via video conference. There were 15 natural deaths, 2 accidental death, 0 suicide, 0 homicide, 2 autopsy, 0

- overdose, 1 organ referral recovery, 0 Covid/Covid, 12 cremations, 0 vital records and 6 pending.
 - b. Training requests – none at this time.
 - c. Payment of bills – \$1,972.13 dated 6/2/21 – Dobrowolski/Schneider motion to approve to approve Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
 - d. Resolution – Medical Examiner Staffing and Compensation Adjustment. Rassbach presented the resolution for review and discussion. The ME will become a full-time salary exempt position. The resolution includes new rates for CD ME, Deputy ME(s), Simple Death Investigations, Complex Death Investigations and the hourly rates. The estimated total increase to the budget will be \$47,553. Pedersen/Schneider motion to approve the resolution and submit to the County Board June 22, 2021, motion carried.
 - e. 2021 Budget review – autopsies will be over budget, other is fine.
5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
- a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the May monthly reports which included inmate population, training, meetings, calls for service, inmate housing A/R and overtime. Average daily inmate population was 44 in May and average daily EMP was 2. The average daily number of inmates housed out of county was 2.
 - b. Training requests:
Neal, 6/17, Justification/Desirability to Today's LE, FVTC; Kummet 8/2-6 & 8/10-11, Fire Investigations, Stevens Point; Reisner, 7/6, BAD Dogs training; Reisner, 8/10, BAD Dogs Training. Schneider/Stout motion to approve training, motion carried.
 - c. Payment of bills –\$6,893.53 dated 6/2/21 – 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 will be voted on at the June County Board meeting.
 - e. 2021 budget review – reviewed
 - f. 2022 budget discussion – replacement of portables. Radios need to be replaced as they are end of life. Costs will be presented next month.
 - g. 2022 retirement – replacement/training – Flater will retire in April 2022. Sheriff requests to have someone hired by January 1st to train.
6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 8:00 AM.
7. Pedersen/Dobrowolski motion to adjourn at 10:17 AM, motion carried.