

# Rusk County Emergency Services

## Minutes

July 12, 2023

**Present:** Schmitt, Schneider, Wedwick, Gudis

**Absent:** Cudo

**Others Present:** Jeff Wallace, Phil Grassmann, 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 Gudis, second by Schneider to approve the June 14, 2023 meeting minutes as prepared. Motion carried.

### Public Comment

None.

### Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Reviewed monthly report including ambulance needs/repairs and general department updates.
- Out-of-County Training Requests: None
- Ambulance Service Wage Adjustments Resolution: Resolution was passed and signed by Personnel on 07/06/2023. After review today, it will be forwarded to Finance and then to County Board for full approval if passed by Emergency Services and Finance Committees. Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to approve resolution as prepared and forward to Finance. Motion carried.
- Motion by Wedwick, second by Gudis to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review

### Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation

- Reviewed monthly report including death statistics and general department updates.
- Out-of-County Training Requests: None.
- Motion Wedwick, second by Gudis to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review

### 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: None
- Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review
- Informed committee of the NetMotion Contract Renewal. No updated quote has been received at this time. The quote will be brought back to committee for approval after it is received. No action.
- Cellebrite contract renewal was previously approved at the June meeting. Informed committee the contract renewal was cancelled due to increasing cost. The department will utilize neighboring counties when needed and it will be free of charge. No action.

- Discussion held with committee members regarding the lack of applicants for open positions as well as the risk of losing more employees. Reviewed a list of potential options to help with recruitment and retention in the patrol and jail/dispatch division of the Sheriff's Office.  
Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to draft a resolution allowing the Sheriff's Office to sponsor a police academy student and forward the resolution to Personnel after completion. Motion carried.  
Motion by Gudis, second by Wedwick to begin the process of a side letter for the Union Contracts outlining HSA contribution when sick leave balances have capped. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date**

August 9, 2023 – committee unanimously agreed to start the meeting at 7:30am in August due to scheduling conflicts with other meetings.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 9:36am