

Rusk County Emergency Services
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Present: Pedersen, Schmitt, Stout, Fisher and Schneider [briefly]
Others: East, Hall, Hraban, Rassbach and Wallace

1. Meeting called to order by Chair Schmitt at 8:00 AM.
2. Fischer/Stout motion to approve the July 12, 2017 meeting minutes, motion carried.
3. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
 - a. Hall presented monthly EMA/Ambulance report. Recovery efforts from the May 2017 tornado/storm damage will be discussed at the next Towns Association Meeting. LEPC Meeting will be Friday – September 8, 2017. Two new EMTs have been hired [Smith – Hawkins EMT and Loucks – Bruce EMT]. A third EMT is still in the process of being hired. Upcoming events requesting ambulance/EMT services include the Rusk County Fair, local school sports/events and Rock Rally.
 - b. Training requests –Stout/Pedersen motion to approve training requests, motion carried.
 - c. Payment of bills – Pedersen/Fisher motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
 - d. 2017 YTD budget review – no changes.

Schneider asked about policy on EMT/ambulance crews “sitting central.” East requested input from committee regarding ambulance/EMT personnel concerns with current status of RCMH being undetermined.

4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
 - a. Monthly report – Rassbach presented the monthly report. There were 11 natural deaths, 0 accidental deaths, 1 suicide, 3 pending death certificates, and 8 cremations. Rassbach also advised that he and Sandy attended/helped at both National Night Out programs in Ladysmith and Bruce on 8/1/2017.
 - b. Training requests – Rassbach requested sending Snider to a one week ABMDI training in St. Louis. Estimated cost of the training would be around \$1,800-\$2,000 which includes lodging. Rassbach also requested to attend a different session of the ABMDI training in St. Louis for himself also and advised that there is money in his budget for training. Stout/Pedersen motion to approve training, motion carried.
 - c. Payment of bills – included in the Sheriff’s payment approval report.

Rassbach also presented a Ramsey County ME bill from 11/30/2015 for \$1,400. He further advised that in speaking with Ramsey County regarding this late bill it was determined that it was a legitimate expense incurred by Rusk County in 2015 but that Ramsey County had internal billing issues on their end and were hoping to still collect payment on it from Rusk. Stout/Fisher motion to pay Ramsey County, motion carried.

5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation

- a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the monthly report which included inmate population, training, meetings, calls for service, inmate housing A/R and overtime. Average daily inmate population was 42 and daily EMP was 0. Sheriff Wallace invited the committee to a law enforcement appreciation dinner on 8/21/2017 at the Bruce Federated Church.
- b. Training requests –All RUSO Patrol Deputies – Department Shoot, local [8/10-8/11]; Boehmer/Majeskie – Badger TraCS User Conf, WI Dells [10/3-10/4]; Hahn – NOVA Training, Madison [11/1-11/3]; Doughty/Boehmer – WIBRS Training, Rice Lake [11/2]. Stout/Pedersen motion to approve the upcoming trainings, motion carried.
- c. Payment of bills – Pedersen/Stout motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
- d. Personnel updates – Sheriff Wallace advised the committee that there are two new full-time Dispatch/Jailers [one male and one female] and one part-time is still going through the background check.
- e. 2017 YTD budget review – no changes.
- f. East Tower – Sheriff Wallace advised that the DNR is going to dismantle the east tower on Townline Rd. He suggested the county look into purchasing the ½ acre of land that the tower is on from the current land owners so that the RUSO can replace the repeater that is currently located on the Hawkins water tower and doesn't get the best reception/service.

Fisher advised that CVEC will be donating land for the installation of a helipad down by CTH D and Highway 40. The county will need to maintain the black topped slab in order to utilize it.

6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM.
7. Stout/Pedersen motion to adjourn at 9:52 AM, motion carried.