

# Rusk County Emergency Services

## Minutes

August 10, 2022

**Present:** Schmitt, Schneider, Wedwick, Cudo,

**Absent:** Sanderson

**Others Present:** Jeff Wallace, George Murray, Jim Rassbach, Tom Hall, Miranda Kron, Jerilea Hendricks

### Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:00am

### Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve minutes from the July 13, 2022 committee meeting as prepared. Motion carried.

### Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Reviewed ambulance needs/repairs.
- Discussion held on purchasing a Lucas II Device; Tom originally requested to use budget dollars for the purchase, but will now be using grant dollars. Property Committee is aware of the change in funds.
- Request to install step on the side of rigs 254 & 251 due to safety concerns; the step is approx. 16-18.5 inches currently. Received two donations of \$850.00 to help cover the cost. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to purchase and install the steps. Motion carried.
- Tom informed committee that one of the FT EMTs turned in their resignation and will be working for Sawyer County due to a significant wage increase. Tom will meet with HR & Administrator when the positions start to begin posting for the open position. Bob Stout with the Personnel Committee and Tom Cudo with Emergency Service Committee will be the board members for the AD HOC Interviewing Committee when the interviews are scheduled. The date/time is TBD.
- Tom is working with the Finance Office and Treasurers Office to complete paperwork for LifeQuest Billing. May need to establish new fees for Rusk County after LifeQuest set up is complete.
- Training Requests: none
- Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: on track for 2022. Discussed 2023 budget requests.

### Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation

- Monthly Death Statistics reviewed
- Decedent Cot has a confirmed delivery date of November 22, 2022
- ME Van Radio has been approved by Property Committee; will install radio in current van.
- Replacement AWD van has been put on hold. The Property Committee met and discussed purchase. At this time the purchase will be put on hold due to lack of use/mileage.
- Deputy ME position was offered and the applicant accepted; first official day is 08/10/2022. In the meantime, there was another Deputy ME who resigned, so the position will remain open for applicants.
- Discussion held on the use of Push to Talk Over Cellular plan. The first month's fee is estimated to be \$2263.00 to include the purchase of equipment and first month of service. Moving forward the monthly bill will be \$150.00. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve purchase and use of Push to Talk Over Cellular plan. Motion carried.

- Jim Rassbach brought to the committee's attention that the cemetery plot at Order of the Servants of Mary will be moved from the convent property to Riverside Cemetery. There are 126 gravesites that will need to be moved to the new location. Rassbach will be in further contact with the city and determine if any services from the ME will be needed to assist with moving the graves.
- Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: on track for 2022. Discussed 2023 budget requests.

### **Rusk County Sheriff presentation**

- Reviewed monthly report; 1 (billable) inmate housed out of county
- Training Request: Rhein [10/17-11/18 – Basic Jail School – CVTC, Eau Claire]. Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to approve training request. Motion carried.
- Sheriff Wallace reminded the committee of local events in the upcoming weeks.
- Motion by Wedwick, second by Schneider to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: budget for 2022 is on track; waiting for reimbursement dollars for ATV and Snow Patrol. Discussed 2023 budget requests.
- South Tower Move/Enbridge Contract: George Murray reviewed the contract with committee members. Set at a 5-year term with automatic renewal, able to terminate with 30-day notice with no financial obligation, the cost will be \$100.00 per year – due by January 31 of each year. Rich Summerfield reviewed contract and agrees there are no concerns. Murray explained we are still waiting for a cost estimate for equipment move or purchase. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to sign the contract and forward to County Board after cost estimate is received. Motion carried.
- Separation of Jail/Dispatch: No new updates; will continue to discuss at AD HOC Master Plan meetings and forward on to County Board at a later date.
- Radio Upgrade: Will continue to discuss at AD HOC Master Plan meetings.
- Discussion held regarding the Modification to Ordinance 32-177 – Unlawful Use of Telephone Service Resolution. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve the Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried.

### **Next Meeting Date**

September 14, 2022 at 8:00am

### **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn at 10:04am