

Rusk County Emergency Services

Minutes

September 14, 2022

Present: Schmitt, Schneider, Wedwick, Cudo

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

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 8:02am

Public Comment

Rick Nash: Asked committee members to reconsider the fee for the Order of the Servants of Mary – Cemetery Grave Disinterment-Interment.

Annette Grotzinger: Gave committee members a packet and expressed concerns with the Medical Examiner's budget.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve minutes from the August 10, 2022 and August 23, 2022 committee meeting as prepared. Motion carried.

Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation

- Reviewed ambulance needs/repairs.
- Interviews held for EMT position on 09/12/2022; position offered and accepted.
- Discussion held on the county's existing agreement with AlertSense/Konexus. The annual fee was raised 15% with no warning of the increase. Tom has since researched other options and found a similar option with CodeRed for a lesser annual cost. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to terminate the current contract with AlertSense/Konexus with the obligatory 60-day notice. Motion carried.
- Discussion regarding changing the CodeRed after terminating contract with AlertSense/Konexus. Tom gave a brief explanation of the system and the annual fee of \$4,000.00 which will be locked in for 5 years. Motion by Wedwick, second by Cudo to move forward with a contract with CodeRed after terminating the contract with AlertSense/Konexus. Motion carried.
- Tom gave an overview of what the ambulance crews use Field Bridge for and requested to upgrade to Field Cloud for more accurate reporting. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to upgrade to Field Cloud. Motion carried.
- Training Requests: EM Training [09/20 – Stevens Point, WI]. Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to approve training request.
- Motion by Schneider, second by Wedwick to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: on track.

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.

- Request to reserve a title within the ME Dept. of DME Autopsy Transport, but eliminate the position due to lack of need/hours. Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to reserve the title and eliminate the position. Motion carried.
- Brief discussion on ME Dress Policy – will revisit at next committee meeting.
- Discussion held on the use of Push to Talk Over Cellular plan. Jim has elected to withdraw his request to purchase due to lack of budget and ARPA funds to cover the cost; this will also reduce the 2023 ME budget.
- Jim Rassbach will be in further contact with Rick Nash regarding the cemetery move. The resolution passed on 08/23/2022 will remain in effect.
- Training Requests: WCMEA Conference [10/16 – 10/19 – Wisconsin Dells]. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve training request. Motion carried.
- Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: on track.

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]; cancelled due to lack of staff to cover while training is completed. Ohmstead [11/14 – 11/15 – Rifle Armourer Recertification – FVTC, Appleton, WI]. Motion by Schneider, second by Cudo to approve training request. Motion carried.
- Motion by Cudo, second by Schneider to approve payment approval report. Motion carried.
- Budget Review: budget for 2022 is on track; waiting for reimbursement dollars for ATV, Snow Patrol, and DOT/Highway Safety grant.
- South Tower Move: Property Committee approved the use of ARPA funds at the 09/09/2022 meeting.
- Jail Meals RFP: Received verbal quote from Ladysmith Family Restaurant of \$7.00 per plate, per meal. Stressed importance of having a plan in place for the jail meals if the meals-on-wheels program is no longer able to supply them. The county is statutorily obligated to feed inmates 3 meals per day; 2 hot, 1 cold. Will discuss further at next committee meeting.
- Separation of Jail/Dispatch: No new updates; will continue to discuss at AD HOC Master Plan meetings
- Radio Upgrade: Will continue to discuss at AD HOC Master Plan meetings.

Next Meeting Date

October 12, 2022 at 8:00am

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:51am