

Rusk County Emergency Services
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, November 3, 2021 - 8:00 AM

Present: Schmitt, Schneider, Stout and Pedersen. Absent: Dobrowolski & Stricklen.
Others present: Sheriff Wallace, Tom Hall, Jim Rassbach, Andy Albarado, George Murray and Jerilea Hendrick.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Schmitt at 8:00 AM.
2. Schneider/Stout motion to approve the October 13, 2021 meeting minutes, motion 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.
 - b. Training request – none.
 - c. Payment of bills – \$18,258.16 dated 11/1/21. Pedersen/Schneider motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
 - d. Collections – Finance is working on processing payments sent to County.
 - e. Community involvement – ongoing.
 - f. Write-offs - none
 - g. 2021 Budget review – committee reviewed.
 - h. Resolution to approve the addition of the five (5) full-time positions – discussion on usage, location and housing. Pedersen/Stout motion to forward resolution to Personnel, motion carried.
4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
 - a. District Attorney presentation - DA Barna phoned in and explained the process on retaining bodies for evidence while charges are being considered
 - b. Monthly report – Rassbach presented the October monthly report. There were 5 natural deaths, 1 accidental death, 0 suicide, 0 homicide, 0 autopsy, pending overdose, 1 organ referral recovery, 2 Covid/Covid+, 12 cremations, 4 Traditional, 0 vital records and 8 pending. The replacement of the ME van will be deferred at this time. The request for a cot and van radio will be presented to Property. Rassbach requested to purchase ME software at an annual cost of \$220. Stout/Pedersen motion to approve the purchase of Databution web-based software at \$220, motion carried. Rassbach purchased two DeWalt 20V tripod lights for scene lights and they work well.
 - c. Payment of bills – \$589.01 dated 11/01/21 – Pedersen/Schneider motion to approve the Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
 - d. 2021 Budget review – budget overage related to autopsy expenses.
5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
 - a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the October monthly reports which included inmate population, training, meetings, calls for service, inmate housing A/R and overtime. Average daily inmate population was 36 in September and average daily EMP was 0. The average daily number of inmates housed out of county was 2 (at cost to RUSO).
 - b. Training requests – Murray, Olynick, Root & Stone, 11/16, WI Jail Assn Trn, Hudson; Ohmstead, 11/29-12/1), Low Light/Laser Instr Trn, Kenosha. Schneider/Pedersen motion to approve requested training, motion carried.

- c. Payment of bills –\$30,055.38 dated 11/01/21 – Schneider/Pedersen motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
- d. 2021 budget review – budget reviewed.
- e. Sheldon Tower move approval – Next step in the process is to have the FCC conduct a study. The cost is \$2000. Stout/Pedersen motion to approve the \$2000 for the study, motion carried.
- f. Drone purchase – Sheriff Wallace updated the committee on the drone purchase. Barron County will split the cost of two. It was recommended to cross-train with Forestry and Land Conservation. Stout/Schneider motion to forward request to Property, motion carried.
- g. Order/Purchase 2022 squads –3 squads needed – 2 patrol and 1 investigator.

#1: Ford Interceptor (patrol): Ewald \$34,060; Toycen \$34,222.50. Schneider/Pedersen motion to purchase 1 Ford Interceptor from Toycen per county policy, motion carried.
2 & 3 (1 patrol K9 & 1 Investigator K-9): Ford Expedition – Ewald \$39,329; Toycen \$38,892. Tahoes are no longer available for 2022. Prices for F150's were Toycen \$41,900 and Ewald \$34,000. Wallace requested to purchase 2 Expeditions to keep all equipment inside. Schneider/Pedersen motion to purchase 2 Expeditions from Toycen at \$38,892 each, motion carried. Wallace will transfer his Dodge to the transport/part-time squad and drive the 2016 Charger.

- 6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 8:00 AM.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 AM.