

# Rusk County Emergency Services Minutes

December 13, 2023

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

**Others Present:** Tom Hall, Sheriff Wallace, Jail Captain Murray, Ann Boehmer, Ashley Heath, Erin Webster, Annette Grotzinger

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Schmitt at 8:00 AM.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Cudo/Schneider motion to approve the November 8, 2023 meeting minutes, motion carried.

**3. Public Comment**

None.

**4. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director Presentation**

- a. **Monthly Report** – Tom Hall presented the EM/Ambulance report including EM/AMB updates, trainings received and meetings attended.
- b. **Training Requests** – None. There will be a training request next month for the upcoming WEMSA Conference in Green Bay [1/30/2024-2/2/2024.] Previously approved training for Wimer at the 12/15/2023 Trauma Symposium Conference in WI Dells was cancelled due to exigent circumstances; verbal confirmation of \$50 conference fee refund was received by Hall from MCHS/Great Wolf Lodge.
- c. **Payment of Bills** – Schneider/Gudis motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
- d. **Budget Review** – The November 2023 Rusk County EM/Ambulance budget was reviewed.

**5. Rusk County Medical Examiner Presentation**

- a. **Monthly Report** – Committee reviewed the monthly report. Hospice deaths were up significantly [15] for November 2023.
- b. **Training Requests** – None.
- c. **Payment of Bills** – Wedwick/Cudo motion to approve the monthly payment approval report, motion carried.
- d. **Budget Review** – The November 2023 Rusk County Medical Examiner budget was reviewed.

**6. 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 30 and average daily EMP was one. The average daily number of inmates housed out of county was two with only one inmate billable to Rusk.
- b. **Out of County Training Requests** – Smith [1/8/2024-2/9/2024] Jail School - CVTC Eau Claire; Ohmstead [1/22/2024-1/24/2024] Pistol Mounted Optics Instructor – GTC Kenosha; Anderson [2/6/2024-2/7/2024] Operation RUSH – Marathon County SO. Schneider/Gudis motion to approve all out of county trainings and travel requests, motion carried.
- c. **Payment of Bills** – Wedwick/Cudo motion to approve payment approval report, motion carried.
- d. **Budget Review** – The November 2023 Rusk County Sheriff's Office budget was reviewed.
- e. **Discussion & Possible Motion**
  - i. **ScheduleAnywhere Contract Renewal** – Due to an increase in contract price, Sheriff Wallace requested that the RUSO's current scheduling system contract only be renewed for one year

[2024] in hopes of getting a new scheduling program/system in place that will be of no cost to the RUSO. Schneider/Gudis motion to renew one-year contract with ScheduleAnywhere, motion carried.

- ii. **IDEMIA Contract Renewal** – No increase in price [previously approved in October 2023 minutes.] Wedwick/Cudo motion to approve \$2,106 IDEMIA Contract renewal, motion carried.
- iii. **Squad Bid/Purchase Update** – Sheriff Wallace advised that two of the previously approved squad bids Chief Deputy Grassmann received from first time bidding agency Don Johnson Automotive, did not include the mandatory registration fees totaling of \$588/vehicle. As a result, the 2023 Ram SSV bid increased from the previously approved \$39,529 to \$40,117 and the 2023 Ford F250 bid increased from the previously approved \$52,305 to \$52,893. Even with the mandatory registration fees, Don Johnson’s bids were still lower than the other bidding agencies. Schneider/Wedwick motion to approve the mandatory registration fees price increase [\$588/vehicle] on the 2023 Ram SSV to \$40,117 and to \$52,893 on the 2023 Ford F250, motion carried.
- iv. **Verbal Update on South-West Tower** – Jail Captain Murray advised that the owner of the tower at the intersection of Hwy 40 and Chippewa Trail [Town of Big Bend] is Tower North so he is in the process of applying for FCC approval for Rusk County EMS to utilize that tower for radio communications which would greatly improve radio traffic in the SW corner of Rusk County.

**7. Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 at 8:00 AM

**8. Adjourned**

Schneider/Gudis motion to adjourn at 8:45 AM, motion carried.