Present: Schneider, Stout, Pedersen, Biller, Wallace, Hall, Rassbach and Grassmann. Excused: Schmitt

1. Meeting called to order by Vice-Chair Schneider at 8:00 AM

2. Biller/Stout motion to approve the January 13, 2016 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
   a. Hall presented the February 2016 monthly report which was reviewed. A grant was received for new radios. Hall provided a listing of 2015 calls billed and amount collected. The committee discussed EMS districts and will review.
   b. Training requests – Hall requested to attempt the Governor’s Conference on Homeland Security and Emergency Management March 7-10 in Appleton and Debris Management Class April 18-20 in Lake Delton. Stout/Biller motion to approve training requested, motion carried. Hall will be absent from the March meeting.
   c. Payment of bills – Stout/Biller motion to approve the payment approval report, motion carried.
   d. Deferred Compensation for non-WRS qualified – Hall is working on how to equalize the EMT’s that do not qualify for WRS. Hall will present this to Personnel and Finance. Biller/Pedersen motion to support Deferred Compensation for the non-WRS qualified, Schneider abstained, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
   a. Monthly report – Rassbach presented the monthly report. There were 13 natural deaths, 1 suicide and 2 pending death certificates in January
   b. Training – Rassbach requested the ME & 1 Deputy ME attend the WCMEA Conference April 25 – 27 in WI Dells. Pedersen/Biller motion to approve the training, motion carried.
   c. Payment of bills – Pedersen/Stout motion to approve the monthly payment approval report, motion carried.

5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the January monthly report which included training, meetings, monthly calls for service, and overtime. The average daily inmate population was 30 and 1 EMP. Sheriff Wallace is conversing with Washburn County for a contract for jail beds.
   b. Training requests – Training requested for Wojcik Drug School, Green Lake; Ohmstead Instructor Scenario, Rice Lake; Wallace NSI Academy, Aurora CO; Dieckman & Engel Sikh Temple Presentation, Eau Claire; Hraban, Nitke, Spinner, Stone, Read & Duchnowski Cell Block Survival, Green Bay; Zielke DNR Training, Green Lake; Pyfferoen RUSH, WI Dells PD. Pedersen/Stout motion to approve the requested training, motion carried.
   c. Payment of bills – Pedersen/Stout motion to approve the payment approval report,
motion carried.

d. Personnel issues – The part-time male dispatch/jailer interviews were held and the background is being conducted before a conditional offer of employment is given.

e. Transport Team – Wage Compensation - Sheriff Wallace is concerned about officer safety during transports with the dispatch/jailers being unarmed. Wallace requesting support to pursue the Transport Team and to raise the pay to $15 per hour, no overtime or benefits. The raise in reserve pay would be made up through savings in overtime. Pedersen/Biller motion to forward this request to Personnel, motion carried.

f. Amend Schedule of Fees Resolution – The last time the fee schedule was updated was in 2008. Wallace requested a fee for FAX, Warrant Service and Vehicle Storage Fees and an increase of fees for DC/DVDs, Civil Process fees, Sheriff’s Sale fees, Sheriff’s fees for seizure of property or evictions, Request for officers at specific functions or activities. Stout/Pedersen motion to approve the increases and submit the resolution to the County Board, Biller abstained, motion carried.

g. Interview Room Equipment purchase – The equipment purchased does not work properly but can be used at the storage shed as a camera system. Proper and required interview room equipment costs $12,000 - $14,000 for two interview rooms. Potential grant funding is available but the current equipment is old and one deck no longer works and cannot be fixed. Sheriff Wallace will request funds from Property if the grant is declined. Biller/Pedersen motion to proceed, motion carried.

h. Jail Fee Schedule – PBT’s Resolution – tabled until next month.

Sheriff Wallace requests to Property/Finance Committee – (1) Sheriff Wallace advised the committee that the DNR is disbanding all watch towers and giving land owners the option to keep the towers. The tower on the Tony Shimko property (on Norwegian Road) currently houses the EMS/Fire and the Sheriff would like to move the Sheriff’s west repeater from CTH O & F to that tower also. Shimko will charge $275 month rent for EMS/Fire and to add the Sheriff's repeater $125 month additional. It will cost approximately $7000 to move the repeater to this tower. Shimko would be willing to offer a 25-year lease. (2) Advised of vehicle repairs needed on the 2008 Chevrolet which was to be replaced in 2017. Wallace will request to purchase an additional vehicle this year and one less in 2017. (3) Requesting VRS repeater systems updated in all patrol squads at a cost of approximately $2,000 - $3,000 each squad. All VRS portables only work off the central tower now due to FCC restrictions. The portables don’t work in many areas of Rusk County or inside homes/buildings. The FCC is changing their restrictions and Rusk County will be able to purchase an additional license at the cost of $735 to operate off all towers but radio equipment needs to be updated. (4) Interview Room Equipment as described in 5 g.

6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – 8:00 a.m.

7. Adjournment – Pedersen/Biller motion to adjourn at 9:37 a.m., motion carried.