RUSK COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 14, 2012  

PRESENT:  
Members – Arian Knops, Phil Schneider and Jim Schultz  
Others – Sheriff Kaminski, Chief Deputy Hahn, Police Chief Lobermeier, Robert Grotzinger, Mike Hraban, Coroner Ewert  

ABSENT:  
Members – Chairman Skogen and David Willingham  

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER  
Schneider called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.  

Police & Fire Commission Chairman Robert Grotzinger spoke briefly to the committee to request setting up a meeting date/time with the Rusk County Emergency Services Committee regarding possible consolidation of the Ladysmith Police Department and Rusk County Sheriff’s Department. It was suggested that a meeting date could be set for sometime around May 2012 after the two new Emergency Services Committee members are designated. P&FC Chairman Grotzinger agreed and advised that the P&FC will be attempting to survey the City of Ladysmith residents to get a better understanding of whether they [Ladysmith residents] feel it would be a feasible option to consolidate the LPD with the RUSO.  

APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
Knops/Schultz motion to approve the agenda; motion carried.  

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 8, 2012 & MARCH 12, 2012 MEETING MINUTES  
Knops/Schultz motion to approve the minutes; motion carried.  

RUSK COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/AMBULANCE DIRECTOR PRESENTATION  
1. Sheriff Kaminski presented the monthly report for Tom Hall due to Hall being at the Governor’s Conference in Appleton. Motion by Knops/Schneider to approve the requested training; motion carried.  

Schneider advised that the $6.50 call rate for 1st Responders is not enough to even cover the cost of their gas for responding to calls. Schneider recalled the rate might be able to reviewed/increased to $8.00 and would like Hall to put that issue on the agenda for next month. Schneider also advised that the crew for Ambulance 253 has been having issues with the computer in that ambulance not keeping a charge and not downloading properly. Schneider would also like Hall to put that issue on next month’s meeting agenda as well.  

Knops/Schultz motion to change the uncollectible percentage from 27% to 35%; motion carried.  

Schultz/Knops motion to approve the monthly report and payment of bills; motion carried.
RUSK COUNTY CORONER PRESENTATION
1. Coroner Ewert presented the February 2012 monthly report. Supplies were ordered last month as more medium sized body bags were needed. Ewert will bring a copy of the invoice in next month for the committee to review. There were 5 natural deaths in February [4 were hospice] and 5 cremations. One medical autopsy was also ordered.
   Coroner Ewert requested to attend the WCMEA [Wisconsin Coroners’ & Medical Examiners’ Association] Conference April 2nd – 4th, 2012 in Appleton. Schultz/Knops motion to approve Ewert’s training; motion carried.
   Coroner Ewert also advised that she received an iPad as a gift and has been using it for her coroner duties/records, and that it’s been working very well for her.
   Knops/Schultz motion to approve the monthly report and payment of bills; motion carried.

RUSK COUNTY SHERIFF PRESENTATION
Old Business - Sheriff Kaminski advised that at the Rusk County Emergency Services meeting on Monday, March 12, 2012, the Rogers’ lawsuit was discussed and that Corporation Counsel Summerfield read a letter he had received from the WCA [Wisconsin Counties Association] advising that they [WCA] did not believe the County could win the lawsuit, and that they [WCA] felt the settlement offer should be accepted by the County.

1. Sheriff Kaminski presented the February 2012 monthly report. Various trainings were attended in February by: Dieckman, Duchnowski, Fenstermacher, Kaminski, Read, and Seemann. Upcoming training was requested for: Boehmer, Buehler, Flater, Grassmann, Hahn/N, Ohmstead and Poppe. Schultz/Knops motion to approve the requested trainings; motion carried.
   Sheriff Kaminski attended various meetings. The calls for service and inmate housing reports were reviewed. The Finance payment approval and overtime reports weren’t available for this month’s meeting. Schultz/Knops motion to approve the monthly report; motion carried.
   The Part Time Patrol position is still in the process of being filled.

APRIL 2012 MEETING DATE AND TIME
The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT
Knops/Schneider motion to adjourn at 9:02 a.m.; motion carried.