Rusk County Emergency Services
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Members present: Biller, Pedersen, Schmitt, Schneider, and Stout
Others: Egle, Hall, Hraban, Rassbach and Wallace

1. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Stout/Pedersen motion to approve the March 11, 2015 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
   a. Tom Hall presented the April 2015 monthly report which included the EMA and Ambulance reports.
   b. Training requests – Stout/Schneider motion to approve Hall to attend EM for Counties training in Stevens Point April 20th and EM Planning for 2016 Plan of Work for State and Federal grant requirements April 23rd, motion carried.
   c. Payment of bills – Stout/Schneider motion to approve the Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
   d. Approval of Emergency Operations Plan for 2015 – has already been done.
   e. Ambulance bids – Hall received volumes of ambulance info/bids and requested they be tabled until next month so he can compile the data/pricing for ES and Property Committees to review and act on next month. Pedersen/Schneider motion to table the ambulance bids to next month, motion carried.

Hraban advised there was a meeting with WIDOT regarding Lake Avenue being redone in 2017 from the 4-way stop [Hwy 27 & Hwy 8] to bridge by Memorial Park and potential issue with railway crossing at Lake Avenue by CTH J.

4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
      1) Deaths are up over 25% from last year and have been rather time consuming due to the complex/unalusual nature of them. Two autopsies were budgeted for 2015 and those two were already used up within the first 90 days of this year.
      2) Monthly Death Statistics – There were 17 natural deaths, 16 cremations, 1 autopsy, and 1 disinterment in process.
   b. 3) Training requests – none at this time.
   c. 4) Meetings – none at this time.
   c. 5) Payment of bills – included in the Sheriff’s payment approval report.

5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the monthly report which included inmate population, training, meetings, calls for service, inmate housing, and overtime.
   b. Training requests – Stone - Jail InService; Trott – TriTech WI User’s Group. Schneider/Pedersen motion to approve the upcoming trainings, motion carried.
c. Payment of bills – Schneider/Pedersen motion to approve the Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
d. Office updates – Sheriff Wallace advised the committee that the squad room should be completed by next week and that the committee is welcome at any time to come through the RUSO to see the changes/improvements.
e. Patrol Deputy update/re-assignment – 2 new hires: Rae Pyfferoen and Dan Glaze are still going through FTO at this time.
f. Water Patrol Boat Replacement – Sheriff Wallace advised that the department’s current boat is 19 years old and the RUSO has received bids to have the county purchase a new boat that the RUSO will in turn lease from the county as is done with RUSO squad cars. There is also potential for yearly reimbursement on the boat from WI DNR at 75%. Schneider/Pedersen to purchase a new boat through Boater’s Choice, motion carried.
g. Modify Existing Huber Fee Rates Resolution – increase current Huber fee rate for Rusk Co sentenced inmates to $18/day, add a new Huber fee rate for NON Rusk Co sentenced inmates of $20/day, and create a new/reduced Huber fee rate for WI Fresh Start employed inmates of $10/day. Schneider/Stout motion to accept the modifications to the existing Huber fee rates, motion carried. Resolution signed and forwarded to Finance Committee.
h. Law Enforcement Memorial Service – scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2015 at the Methodist Church in Ladysmith at 7:00PM.

Discussion on acquiring a new K9 from Colorado. Deputy Fenstermacher has been selected to be the new RUSO K9 handler. The LPD currently does not have a K9 either and therefore may look into partnering/helping financially to acquire the new RUSO K9.

6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 8:00 am.

7. Pedersen/Biller motion to adjourn at 9:38 am, motion carried.