Rusk County Emergency Services Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 8, 2015 – 8:00 AM
Rusk County Government Center Board Room

Members present: Schmitt, Biller, Pedersen and Stout. Excused: Schneider
Others present: Hraban, Hall, Wallace, Rassbach, and Grassmann

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

2. Biller/Pedersen motion to approve the June 10, 2015 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
   b. Training requests – none this month.
   c. Payment of bills – Stout/Pedersen motion to approve the Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
   d. Approval of collection letter from Finance Dept/Ambulance billing – Stout/Biller motion to support the concept of collection efforts, motion carried.

Hall advised the committee of the poor reception due to the tower in Sheldon. Sheriff Wallace and Jim Rassbach will attend the next finance meeting to request the funds to make the repairs. The County filed an insurance claim is waiting for an answer.

4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
   a. Monthly report – Jim Rassbach presented the July 2015 monthly report. In June, there were 9 natural deaths, 1 vehicle fatality, 8 cremations, and 1 disinterment in process.
   b. Training – none.
   c. Bills – included with the Sheriff Payment Approval Report.

Rassbach complimented the Ladysmith Fire Department for their assistance with the fatal truck fire. Rassbach will invite the Fire Chief to the meeting next month to present a letter of appreciation.

5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Wallace presented the June 2015 monthly report which included the average jail population, events, meetings, calls for service, overtime and A/R.
   b. Training request – Requested training for Jaedike, Murray and Brunner. Pedersen/Biller motion to approve the training requested, motion carried.
   c. Payment of bills – Pederson/Stout motion to approve the Payment Approval Report, motion carried.
   d. Personnel issues
      1. Sheriff Wallace has appointed Phillip Grassmann, Chief Deputy. Marc Egle had requested to step down from the Chief Deputy position and the union has approved his return to patrol duties.
2. Sheriff Wallace explained the need for additional patrol deputies. His top priority is officer safety. The number of calls, types of calls, drugs, gun violence, social media and scams have increased over 20 percent and the Sheriff would like to add one additional patrol deputy to each patrol shift in 2016. There are four patrol shifts. Sheriff Wallace will present a resolution to the county board. The Personnel committee is in support of the need for increased staffing. Schmidt/Pederson motion to support the 2016 patrol deputy request, Biller opposed, motion carried.

e. 2016 budget preparations – Will need to meet earlier next month due to the August 7th budget deadline.

6. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 8:00 AM.

7. Biller/Pedersen motion to adjourn at 9:17 AM, motion carried.