Rusk County Emergency Services
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 – 8:00 AM

Present: Schmitt, Schneider, Stout, Pedersen, Biller, Hraban, Rassbach, Huhn, Klink, Wallace and Grassmann.

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

2. Pedersen/Stout motion to approve the September 9, 2015 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
   a. Hall excused — The October 2015 monthly report was reviewed. Discussion on the Ambulance Ad Hoc committee recommendation to levy $200,000 for the 2016 budget but was cut from the budget.
   b. Training requests — none
   c. Payment of bills — Stout/Schneider motion to approve the payment approval report, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Medical Examiner presentation
   a. Monthly report — Rassbach presented the monthly report. Rassbach brought samples of the old wiring from the Sheldon tower site. Rassbach is researching whether it is possible to increase the cremation fee and overnight decedent body storage for RCME. There were 9 natural deaths and 4 cremations in September.
   b. Training request — none
   c. Payment of bills — Included with the Sheriff’s Payment Approval Report. Rassbach informed the committee that the forensic autopsy line item is over budget for 2015.

5. Rusk County Sheriff presentation
   a. Monthly report — Sheriff Wallace presented the September monthly report which included training, meetings, monthly calls for service, and overtime. The average daily inmate population was 44 and 1 EMP.
   b. Training requests — Brunner – DC Training in Trego; Dieckman – ALERT training in Stevens Point; Dieckman – Fire Investigations training in Appleton; Engel & Glaze – ARIDE training in Rhinelander.
   c. Biller/Pedersen motion to approve the training requested, motion carried.
   d. Payment of bills — Included with the Sheriff’s Payment Approval Report.
   e. Personnel issues — Sheriff Wallace reiterated the need for additional patrol deputies and that Investigator Hibbard is retiring October 15, 2015. Currently the protective status for dispatch/jailers is in litigation. All Rusk County Dispatch/Jailers are sworn deputies and handle all cases and investigations in the jail.
   f. Sale of equipment — The Argo was purchased in 2002 and two Kawasaki ATV’s were purchased in 2002. Sheriff Wallace advised the committee of the insurance costs to maintain these and that a Ranger replaced the ATV’s. Sheriff Wallace requested to sell the ARGO, minimum bid of $3500, giving the Ladysmith Fire Department first priority and to sell the 300 ATV, minimum bid of $1000 and 650 ATV, minimum bid $2000. Schneider/Pedersen motion to sell the property by bids, motion carried.
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   h. Review 2016 budget — Sheriff Wallace advised the 2016 kitchen and office remodel projects were cut along with the inmate meal line item and protective retirement for dispatch/jailer.

6. Set November, 2015 meeting date and time – Wednesday, November 11, 2015 – 8:00 AM

7. Adjournment — Biller/Pedersen motion to adjourn at 9:37 AM, motion carried.