Rusk County Emergency Services
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 9, 2011 – 8:00 AM

Members present: Skogen, Knops, Schneider and Willingham
Others present: Mike Hraban, Tom Hall, Sheriff Kaminski and Chief Deputy Hahn

1. Meeting called to order by Chairman Skogen at 8:00 AM.

2. Knops/Schneider motion to approve the agenda, motion carried.

3. Willingham/Knops motion to approve the February 9, 2011 meeting minutes, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Emergency Management/Ambulance Director presentation
      1. Training requests:
         • Hall to attend meeting in Eau Claire on March 23 for Medicare and BadgerCare non-emergency transfers through Logisticare and Hall to attend Service Director training in Wausau, date unknown at this time. Schneider/Willingham motion to approve the training requested, motion carried.
         • Hall requested the approval to purchase an airline ticket for Jim Locke to attend EMI training in Massachusetts. FEMA will reimburse the expense. Schneider/Knops motion to approve paying Locke’s plane ticket, motion carried.

The Operational Plan for the ambulance service was approved by the state.

Every 15-Minutes, a nationwide program, is being coordinated with Flambeau and Bruce school to have a pre-prom drill. Lt. Lobermeier is checking with the Ladysmith schools.

Hall requested to purchase a touch screen computer for the transfer ambulance. The software program is $1000 and a $300 yearly maintenance cost. Hall needs to submit this request to the Property committee.

   2. EMS/Dispatch information – overall does a good job. Some suggestions are:
      • More time between pages
      • Training needed on medical dispatching – Hall will train the dispatchers and provide a guide
      • GPS coordinates for the helicopter – suggested dispatch provide the coordinates
      • Hall will check with dispatch to be sure the pre-designated spots are still in the system
      • Lift assistance for large patients

   3. A & O Manual – Non-billable conditions – County Board has approved

   4. Rock Rally – Hall requesting all parties meet to determine charges. EMS will figure out their fee. The ordinance is detailed but the County can give variances. All parties have worked well in the past.

   5. City-County 10-33 Program funding – This program is for excess military equipment. The cost is $500 to belong, however, the Governor has put this into his budget and if passed, there will no longer be a fee to belong.

Hall is working on a table top exercise regarding dam failure.

Knops/Willingham motion to approve the monthly report and pay the bills, motion carried.
6. Rusk County Sheriff presentation

   a. Schneider/Knops motion to approve the training requested, motion carried. Kaminski requested to attend an April meeting in Washington DC through the BSSA regarding budget issues. There may be some incidental fees. Schneider/Willingham motion to approve Kaminski to attend, motion carried.

Chief Deputy Hahn received a grant for start-up costs to implement a Project Lifesaver Program. Two receiver units were awarded along with trainer fees and lodging. Donations are being accepted to continue this program. Project Lifesaver is a program using a tracking device for autistic or alzheimer patients. The cost is $300 for each bracelet. CFS and overtime were reviewed. Inmate housing A/R in February was $6,760.88 and YTD is $13,521.76

   b. Bills total $38,608.20 - Knops/Willingham motion to approve the payment of the bills and the monthly report, motion carried.

2. Rusk Co. Address and Road Name Ordinance – see public hearing

3. Civil process write-off – Assisted the US Marshals office with a paper service and requesting to write-off the $50 fee. Knops/Willingham motion to approve the write-off, motion carried.

5. Rusk County Coroner presentation – Coroner Ewert presented the February 2011 monthly report. There were ten deaths and two medical autopsies and waiting for toxicology screens. The van mileage is 99,649. Ewert is working with the IRS on the tax issue regarding mileage. There is a coroner’s conference April 4 – 6 in Wisconsin Rapids. The fee is $225 and includes meals but not lodging. Ewert was advised to use the county credit card to receive the tax exemption and the state rates. Schneider/Willingham motion to approve the training, motion carried. Schneider/Knops motion to approve the payment of bills and monthly report, motion carried.

7. 9:00 A.M. PUBLIC HEARING – Chairman Skogen announced the Public Hearing and opened discussion at 9:04 AM.
   • Joe Lorence, Town of Marshall Chair and Towns Association representative commented that changes begin on page 7. Lorence advised as far as he knows, everyone is satisfied.
   • Sheriff Kaminski received a concern regarding 3M (page 5, 2.3) and whether it could read 3M or equivalent. This change will be made to read: 3M or equivalent high intensity prismatic reflective white sheeting with an applied red finish overlay.
   • Willingham commented how well issues get resolved when the Towns Association and County work together.
   • Dave Kaiser advised the state requires the road signs be replaced in 2014-2015.
   • The issue has been emergency personnel not being able to find addresses and this will resolve this issue.
   • Dean Meyer has submitted a grant to assist with the cost of replacing the rural address signs, posts and installation.

No further comments, hearing closed at 9:23 AM. Willingham/Schneider motion to amend the ordinance with the suggested change, motion carried. Willingham/Schneider motion to submit the ordinance as amended to the County board, motion carried.

8. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 9 AM.