

Richland County Joint Ambulance Committee  
Strategic Planning for EMS Subcommittee  
May 10, 2017  
Minutes

Present: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Bob Holets, Ryan Keller, Gordon Palmer, Dan Schweinfus, Darin Gudgeon, Amber Burch, Sharon Schmitz, and Judy Shireman

1. The meeting was called to order at 19:09.
2. Notification of the meeting had been made and the agenda was posted.
3. A motion was made by Ryan to approve the agenda; Bob seconded.
4. A motion to approve the previous meetings' minutes was made by Bob and seconded by Ryan.
5. a. The two funding options were discussed. Jeanetta informed the group that she had spoke with the Wisconsin Counties Association, who stated that the county could go above the levy limit and that they were not taking a position on county-run EMS at this time. She then spoke with the auditors, who checked with the Department of Revenue. She was told there would not be a loss in shared revenue, however they could not define any other lost revenues. She was advised to proceed with caution and had it suggested to her to speak directly with the Department of Revenue if the group chooses to take this direction.

The Levy per Parcel handout was discussed. It was noted that the data on the sheet was very raw data and needed to be cleaned up before it could be considered to present to a larger group, as the numbers may be misleading at this time. It was discussed that the County-Wide levy per parcel would take the burden off of the other municipalities and place it on the County. It would also mean that the County would continue to provide a non-mandated service. The question was raised regarding what the oversight of such a service would look like. Darin suggested a regular Stakeholder Report be available for all municipalities impacted. This report would share information similar to that already made available at the Joint Ambulance Committee meetings. It was noted that the levy applied per parcel, whether via County-Wide or by municipality through new legislation, would be calculated through the same method but may have a different price per parcel in the end.

b. Darin presented his contract proposal as seen on the handout. In this handout, it outlines that by January 1, 2020, either a district would be formed via the partnership with the Towns Association or the County would establish a method for taxing for the service and develop agreements with other EMS services working in the County for reimbursement. It was noted that the district would be more flexible to go outside County lines if necessary down the road but that it would only work if legislation were to pass. Bob noted that the more flexible, the better. Regarding the contract proposal, Darin pointed out that the fixed dollar amount would increase the stability for the service. Gordon inquired about the formation of a district, and it was explained that it was just a matter of proper documentation. Gordon then inquired about the process of the county-wide levy. Jeanetta stated that it would have to go before the County Board. Regarding the two year contract, it would be a majority vote of the Joint Ambulance Committee with each municipal board signing the contract. If the township did not wish to sign on, they would be obligated to find a different service for coverage. Clerks reports could be mailed every month with only four in person meetings per year. It was suggested that the contract be prepared to have available at the next full committee meeting for members to take back to their municipalities and prepare to vote on it at the July meeting. Discussion took place

regarding raising the suggested per call amount due to raise for full-time, insurance cost increases, as well as other future needs. Ryan made a motion to accept the suggested contract proposal as is but raise the money per call from \$165 to \$170 per call with the fixed average(based on the four year average) for two years. Gordon seconded the motion; motion passed.

There was discussion regarding items to discuss at the next full committee meeting scheduled for May 17. Items suggested for inclusion were the contract as passed above, the renewal of the subcommittee, and the explanation regarding a potential county-wide levy. If the contract is not able to be completed in the short amount of time, it was decided that having the talking points as presented to this subcommittee would be sufficient, with the contracts made available to municipalities once completed. It was suggested that a date for these contracts to be returned to the County Clerk be set for July 19<sup>th</sup>.

6. It was noted that the Subcommittee would need to be renewed, as the motion would end on May 31, 2017. Such a motion from the Joint Ambulance Committee would have to go to the County Board for approval, so the next earliest date for a subcommittee meeting, if such a motion were to be made and approved, would be July 11 at 7pm.
7. Ryan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 20:32.