

Richland County Joint Ambulance Committee

May 17, 2017

Minutes

Present: Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Fred Clary, Dan Schweinfus, Paul Corcoran, Mary Rognholt, Gordon Brockway, James Lingel, Verlin Coy, Glen Niemeyer, Steve Chupp, Ryan Keller, Gordon Palmer, Pat Marshall, Bob Holets, Terrance Jindrick, Darin Gudgeon

Not Present: Calvin Brown, Marc Couey, Scott Banker, Jean Nicks

1. Meeting was called to order at 1901.
2. Notification of the meeting had been made and the agenda was posted.
3. Committee attendance was as noted above, with 15 present.
4. A motion was made by Holets to approve the agenda as posted. Palmer made a motion to second it. The agenda was approved.
5. A motion to approve the minutes for the April 19, 2017 meeting was made by Keller and seconded by Lingel. The minutes were approved.
6. There were no comments from the public at this time.
7. There were no comments from the EMT Delegation at this time.
8. A. The billing report was presented. Darin noted that the reports still have bugs to be worked out and that a representative from Cvikota will be available via conference call at the next meeting for anyone to ask questions. His contact information will also be made available. It was noted that the charge for Cvikota is listed on the Clerk's report as a bill. Allowances are the dollar amount that cannot legally be collected and is another term for write-offs. There was brief discussion regarding the FAP Grant, and it was requested that a financial report be provided to the committee as well.
B/C. The provided reports from the Clerk's office were presented.
A motion to approve the Director's Report was made by Palmer and seconded by Holets.
9. Jeanetta reported to the committee regarding the Subcommittee's progress and discussions. It was noted that the Towns and County Levy limits would not be impacted by a County-Wide surcharge. The basic parameters of the proposed contract were discussed in part at this time. Jeanetta noted that the Wisconsin Towns Association was providing the committee with an opportunity since the townships are charged with providing a service but are not given the ability to levy for it. Holets noted that both the County-Wide levy and the ability for Townships to levy can be pursued at the same time. Palmer noted that it may be a couple years for the State to pass new legislation if that was something people wanted pursued. There was discussion. Corcoran stated that he had requested a proposal from Baraboo District Ambulance Service to compare their contract with the Committee's. It was noted that it had not been discussed at a City Council meeting as he was waiting for the proposal. Marshall stated that Sylvan Township had approached Kickapoo Valley Rescue Squad and believed Bloom as had well. He stated he had discussed it with his township and that he was trying to determine what

was best for the residents. Marshall noted that the proposed contract would be barebones, covering staff, supplies, and insurance but wouldn't account for a new ambulance or building. There was discussion over boundaries and response times. It was again noted that the money collected through a County-Wide approach that came in from areas covered by other ambulance services would be given to those services through a Chapter 66 agreement, so the money would be going to the ambulance service that would be showing up at their respective door. Keller noted that the County-Wide approach would not have to be a long-term solution and that it wouldn't prohibit it from becoming a district in the future if that was the wish of the Committee. Clary also noted that by a County-Wide tax, it would also be getting non-residents to contribute. Gudgeon stated that he could speak with the other ambulance service directors regarding the matter. Palmer made a motion to have the other ambulance services informed and to get feedback from them regarding a County-Wide ambulance charge. Keller seconded. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion passed, 14-1.

Clary noted that the subcommittee was initially created with a deadline on the motion and recommended it be extended until the work was complete. Keller made a motion to extend the subcommittee until the work was deemed complete. Niemeyer seconded. The motion passed.

10. The contract was discussed further. It was noted that the County would still cover as they had in previous contracts but that this contract would create a stable budget. A question was asked of Corcoran regarding his request to Baraboo District Ambulance Service. He stated that he had requested a contract proposal and also included a request that they continue to use the current Richland County EMS members. Discussion followed regarding morale amongst the squad and the committee.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July. There is a possible meeting scheduled for June 21 with legislators.

11. Rognholt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Niemeyer. The meeting was adjourned at 2015.