

AdHOC AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 27, 2021

The meeting of the AdHoc Ambulance Committee was called to order by Chair Brian Floeter at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 in the County Board Room and via Zoom format at the Green Lake County Government Center, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:	Doug Vrechek	Absent:	Kyle VanBuren
	Evan Vandenlangenberg		
	Brian Bending		
	Brian Floeter		
	Kathy Jerome		
	Joel Strahota (Zoom – 6:08)		

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator (Zoom); Dave Abendroth, Supervisor #4; Gene Thom, Supervisor #19; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 03/22/2021

Motion/second (Jerome/Bending) to approve the minutes of the 03/22/2021 meeting as presented. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Neubauer, Princeton City Administrator, outlined the background for EMS service in Princeton and the surrounding townships that are served. With retirements and the lack of new volunteers along with increasing costs, she stated that Princeton is in favor of a county wide ambulance service.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ambulance agreements from Stevens Point, Amherst Fire District, and Plover were included in the packet.

APPEARANCES

- **Portage County EMS Representatives**

Chris Holmen and Jennifer Jossie appeared via Zoom to explain the ambulance agreement for Portage County. Holmen stated there are 3 entities involved to provide county wide service. Each has a different budget with varying call volume and employ their own people. The county manages the entire system so there is no levy limit.

- **Waushara County EMS Representatives**

Brian Donaldson appeared via Zoom to explain the county wide ambulance service in Waushara County. The county provides paramedic level services with 4 ambulances out of 4 stations and averages 3200 calls per year. They also handle the billing process. All employees are employed by Waushara County.

Questions and discussion followed. ***Motion/second (Strahota/Bending)*** to allow the County Board supervisors present the opportunity to ask questions. Motion carried with no negative vote.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

- **Distribution of current assets**

- **Rental space availability**

Chair Floeter stated that he did not receive any more letters from the municipalities. Joel Strahota stated he sent an email regarding the Markesan Fire District and the ambulance service with all options negotiable. Evan VandenLangenberg also stated that the City of Berlin would be willing to donate the current assets and the space options are negotiable.

- **Ambulance service in area counties**

See below for recommendation and discussion.

DISCUSSION REGARDING RESOLUTION TO THE GREEN LAKE COUNTY BOARD

Doug Vrecheck stated he suggests the committee recommend to the County Board that the county manages the ambulance service by contracting to the two current providers (Berlin EMS and Southern Green Lake County) with a provision to provide inter facility transports (IFT) and model it similar to Portage County. Each entity would continue to manage their own billing.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future meeting date: May 4, 2021 @ 5:30 PM

Future agenda items: draft a resolution for Green Lake County Board

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Floeter adjourned the meeting a 7:16 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk