

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (EMS) COMMITTEE

February 6, 2023

The meeting of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Committee was called to order by Chair David Abendroth on Monday, February 6, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the Green Lake County Board Room, Green Lake County Government Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The meeting was held both in person and via remote access. Requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Present:	Dave Abendroth	Absent:	Mike Wuest
	Joe Gonyo		
	Allan Hoffmann		
	Charlie Wielgosh		
	Joel Strahota		
	Evan Vandenlangenburg		

Other County employees present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Gene Thom, Supervisor #19

APPROVE MINUTES OF 10/08/2021 MEETING

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Gonyo) to approve the minutes of the 10/08/2021 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF AMBULANCE PLACEMENTS AND BOUNDARIES

Vandenlangenburg stated that Berlin EMS currently staffs 3 ambulances in Berlin, Green Lake and Princeton. No issues to report. Strahota stated they have 2 ambulances stationed in Markesan. This may need to be reconsidered in 2 years due to upcoming retirements and staffing issues. Discussion held regarding the possibility of moving the Princeton ambulance more south and consolidating into 4 total. City of Berlin Administrator Sara Rutkowski suggested looking at call volumes and location to determine if any changes could be made.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION OF WAGES

Both Berlin EMS and Southern Green Lake County EMS provided current wages. Rutkowski stated that Berlin EMS is considered in the middle based on recent wage studies. Both stated that recruiting and retaining staff has been a problem. Discussion held regarding possible solutions including merit raises and/or signing bonuses, school presentations, and advertising.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Discussion held on current contract insurance requirements. Strahota stated the additional requirements for the county is costing \$17,000 annually and asked if this could be reconsidered in the future. County Administrator Cate Wylie will review for the future.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION ON FUTURE GROWTH

Hoffmann requested that an ambulance be placed closer to the Dalton/Kingston area in the future due to response time.

EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

Discussion held earlier under previous agenda items.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION


Future Meeting Date: to be determined

Future Agenda items for action & discussion:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 2:51 PM.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Liz Otto". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Liz" and last name "Otto" clearly distinguishable.

Liz Otto
County Clerk