

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES (EMS) COMMITTEE

October 17, 2023

The meeting of the Emergency Management Services (EMS) Committee was called to order by Chair David Abendroth on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 3:30 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:
	Joe Gonyo	
	Allan Hoffmann	
	Joel Strahota	
	Charlie Wielgosh	
	Mike Wuest	
	Evan Vandenlangenburg	

Other County employees present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Sara Rutkowski, City of Berlin Administrator; Ken Stephani, Finance Director

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF 05/18/2023 MEETING**

*Motion/second (Strahota/Wuest)* to approve the minutes of the 05/18/2023 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT** – none

### **DISCUSSION REGARDING AMBULANCE REPLACEMENT AND TERMS OF CONTRACT**

County Administrator Cate Wylie stated there is a discrepancy between the terms of the contract and the EMS providers in regard to the ambulance replacement funding and the process involved. City of Berlin Administrator Sara Rutkowski provided information in regard to the new ambulance they have on order which was approved by the Judicial Law committee in September of 2022. Rutkowski stated they will be short funds to pay for it unless they receive funding from the county because the city can't levy for it since the county took over the services. The EMS provider's understanding of the contract was that \$115,000 was being set aside for each entity annually for ongoing ambulance replacement. *Motion/second (Wielgosh/Wuest)* to suspend the rules and allow Supervisor Dennis Mulder to speak. Discussion held. Chair Abendroth advised both Berlin EMS and SGLC to review the current contract and advise of changes needed regarding equipment replacement.

### **OPERATIONAL UPDATES**

- **Berlin Emergency Medical Service**

City of Berlin Administrator Sara Rutkowski provided a handout with scheduling information for staff and explained the incentives involved to help with hiring. She also provided financial information through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023 and the 2024 budget.

- **Southern Green Lake County Ambulance**

Joel Strahota stated they are currently facing some staffing challenges and have increased wages using their flex grant. They do not have their final 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter numbers for 2023 in yet.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

**Future Meeting Date:** December 2024

**Future Agenda items for action & discussion:**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 4:24 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto  
County Clerk