

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) COMMITTEE
January 30, 2024

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Committee was called to order by Chair David Abendroth on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 3:00 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
Joe Gonyo – Present at 3:07
Allan Hoffmann
Joel Strahota
Charlie Wielgosh
Mike Wuest

Absent: Evan Vandenlangenburg

Other County employees present: Cate Wylie, County Administrator; Liz Otto, County Clerk; Ken Stephani, Finance Director; Jeff Mann, Corporation Counsel

APPROVE MINUTES OF 12/19/2023 MEETING

Motion/second (Hoffmann/Wuest) to approve the minutes of the 12/19/2023 meeting as presented with no additions or corrections. Motion carried with no negative vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT – none

PROVIDER REPORTS

County Administrator Cate Wylie requested that these reports be provided to her one week prior to the meeting so that they can be put into a packet for review prior to the meeting.

- **Berlin Emergency Medical Service**

Berlin City Administrator Sara Rutkowski stated that Berlin EMS had approximately 1800 calls in 2023. The final financial report is not available yet because 4th quarter invoicing is not complete. They are currently short one staff member. Discussion held on change in Medical Director from ThedaCare to UW-Madison Extension for both Berlin EMS and Southern Green Lake County Ambulance Service.

- **Southern Green Lake County Ambulance**

Joel Strahota reported approximately 445 calls in 2023. Further discussion held on the advantages of a new Medical Director. Strahota stated they are still short staffed by 1 or 2 people.

CONTRACT REVIEW AND FINANCIAL IMPACT

County Administrator Cate Wylie led a discussion on the discrepancies between the contract and how procedures are being managed. Wylie requested clarity from this committee for future management as the EMS Coordinator.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PROVIDERS ON CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

Discussion held on measuring county resident's satisfaction with the services provided, possibly through surveys. Finance Director Ken Stephani outlined the current funding. Discussion held on the difficulty of determining costs moving forward due to changing prices, etc. Sara Rutkowski, Joel Strahota, and County Administrator Wylie will meet to clarify the contract and discuss finances for 2025 and beyond. Their recommendations will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Future Meeting Date: TBD

Future Agenda items for action & discussion:

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Abendroth adjourned the meeting at 3:56 PM.

Submitted by,

Liz Otto
County Clerk