



MINUTES

Eau Claire County

EMS Study Committee

Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Eau Claire County Courthouse

721 Oxford Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54703 • Room 3312

Present: Jake Brunette, Allen Myren, Tyler Esh, Todd Meyer, Dane Zook, Joe Alf, Rod Eslinger (remote)

Others: Samantha Kraegenbrink – Committee Clerk, Sharon McIlquham, Tom Webb, Jason Szymanski, Mark Renderman, Tony Biazi, Kitzie Winters, Rod Eslinger, Matt Jaggar, Jon Schultz, Dan Hanson, Stephanie Hirsch, Roy Atkinson, Kathryn Schauf, Dave Solberg

Public: Present

Call to Order and confirmation of meeting notice

Chair Meryn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and confirmed meeting notice.

Roll call

Roll call was taken by the clerk and is listed above under present.

Public Comment

No member of the public wished to make comment.

Review/approval of meeting minutes from October 30, 2023

Motion by Supervisor Meyer. All in favor, no deletions, corrections, or additions. Minutes approved.

Countywide EMS research updates and proposal and recommendation/presentation to the County Board

Attorney Jake Brunette provided an overview of a memo he prepared for the committee. The memo was provided to the committee and other stakeholders prior to the meeting. As presented to the committee and outlined in the memo, Attorney Brunette advised in his opinion the “best option would be for the county to proceed with the distributive model by entering into intergovernmental agreements with each municipality with conditions (i.e. EMS oversight committee) where the municipality agrees to provide EMS (direct or contract) while agreeing to maintain, at least, the financial investment into EMS from the previous year. The county would determine annually an amount to levy to supplement the cost of EMS and disperse funds amongst all municipalities pursuant to a formula (i.e. population, municipality size, call volume, etc.). Primary questions/concerns are: 1) does this model constitute a countywide EMS; 2) does this model transfer service and, if it does, what happens when the county and municipality don’t file a notice of transfer; and 3) what obligations does the county have if a municipality does not enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the county for EMS? Ultimately, considering the questions/concerns about what constitutes countywide EMS along with the obligations that come with the service and how the municipality’s taxing capacity may be impacted as well as the quality EMS that is already being provided in the county, I recommend the county not provide countywide EMS.”

Corporation Counsel McIlquham recommends the committee begins a work group to put together a plan to work on, Supervisor Meyer motions that the committee puts together a work group that puts together a plan for option 3. Distributive Services (either county has an agreement with municipalities and/or the county has an agreement with services providers) that would be presented to the municipalities and service providers (major stakeholders) for consideration. All in favor, motion carries.

EMS impacts related to HSHS/Prevea closures

The Committee discussed how EMS services now can/may/will be impacted by the closure of HSHS and Prevea.



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Future Agenda Items

- Workgroup Action/Plans

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Samantha Kraegenbrink

Assistant to the County Administrator