

AdHOC AMBULANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 16, 2019

The meeting of the AdHoc Ambulance Committee was called to order by County Clerk Liz Otto at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 in the County Board Room, 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: Lenny Langkau, Amy Newton, Jodie Olson, Joel Strahota, Kyle VanBuren, Doug Vrechek, Allan Weckwerth

Other County Employees Present: Liz Otto, County Clerk; Cathy Schmit, County Administrator; Harley Reabe, County Board Chair

INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were completed.

ELECTION OF CHAIR

County Clerk Liz Otto called for nominations for Chair. Joel Strahota nominated Doug Vrechek for Chair. No other nominations. Vrechek elected Chair by unanimous voice vote. Meeting turned over to Chair Vrechek.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Doug Vrechek nominated Allan Weckwerth for Vice Chair. No other nominations. Weckwerth elected Vice Chair by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTE LIMIT) - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

OPEN MEETING LAW DISCUSSION

Discussion held on open meeting law rules. County Board Chair Harley Reabe stated that the purpose of this committee is to serve as an advisory board and to make recommendations to the County Board regarding ambulance service.

CURRENT AGREEMENT WITH THEDACARE

City of Berlin Administrator Jodie Olson explained the current agreement in place with ThedaCare which is in effect until 12/31/2019. ThedaCare subsidizes a portion of the cost but has no control over the service. There is no guarantee this agreement will continue on an annual basis. Joel Strahota of Southern Green Lake County Ambulance Service explained their funding as well.

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT SERVICE AND PROJECTION FOR THE FUTURE

Discussion held on the current service provided by Berlin Ambulance Service which covers Green Lake and Princeton Ambulance Service along with Berlin. Southern Green Lake County Ambulance Service is based in Markesan but covers the other southern communities of Marquette, Dalton, and Kingston as well. Discussion centered around current and projected issues including staffing, volunteer system sustainability, need for paramedic services for an aging population, interfacility transfers, financials, response time consideration, assets and equipment, state regulations, and inclusion of current PT/volunteer personnel. County Administrator Cathy Schmit will provide

information from a few other counties regarding consulting services and countywide plans.

VISIT COUNTIES WITH COUNTYWIDE SERVICE

Discussion held. No action taken.

Motion/second (Vrechek/VanBuren) to suspend the rules and allow public comment at this point in the meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Naomi Pulvermacher of Princeton EMS spoke regarding committee selection, EMR roles on the ambulance, and outlying coverage.

Damien Moreland of Dalton spoke regarding the importance of maintaining the good working relationships between the current entities.

Mary Lou Neubauer, City of Princeton Administrator, requested to be included on any documents received from other counties in regard to ambulance service.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

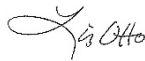
Future meeting date: April 30, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

Future agenda items: Review and discuss consultant study outcomes, discuss annual reports and operational plans from the current providers, review ambulance services in other counties.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Doug Vrechek adjourned the meeting at 7:27 PM.

Submitted by,



Liz Otto
County Clerk