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1:30 p.m.  
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## **AGENDA**

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Submitted by: Mark W. Luberda, County Administrator

Posted: November 10, 2022



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Additions underlined, deletions ~~struck through~~

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**DRAFT**

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November 25, 2019 Meeting Minutes  
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The meeting was called to order by Chair John Peters at 10:20 a.m.

Roll call was conducted and a quorum was established. Chair John Peters, Vice Chair Dave Nelson, Bruce Vander Veen and Denise Pieroni were present. James Weiss and Lowell Hagen were absent.

Others present: Dr. Steven Andrews-Aurora Health Care; Dr. James MacNeal-Mercy Health; Walworth County Administrator David Bretl; Walworth County Sheriff's Office Captain of Communications Jamie Green; Rebecca LeMire, Village of Darien Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer

**Denise Pieroni made a motion, seconded by Vice Chair Dave Nelson, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Vice Chair Nelson made a motion, seconded by Pieroni, to approve the August 6, 2019 and September 9, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried by voice vote.**

**Public comment** – There was none.

**New Business**

- Feedback on Waukesha County Communications Center tour  
Pieroni commented the tour was positive and requested funding for a feasibility study be included in the 2021 County Board budget. Chair Peters said he believes the study currently underway at the Sheriff's Office should provide a lot of information for the future. He thanked the County Board for approving ProPhoenix in the 2020 budget. Pieroni said the information may be helpful for a feasibility study in 2021 but added she wants to use the information before it becomes outdated.
- Progress of Sharon/Darien/Walworth cooperative efforts  
Bruce Vander Veen said the goal is a combined Fire/EMS paid staff that would cover 24/7 and start in 2021. The plan is still in development and details will need to be worked out. The plan is to have a paramedic level squad, with a minimum of Advanced EMT level. He added a referendum will need to be passed and November 2021 is the estimated date for that. Dr. Andrews asked if this would be a 4<sup>th</sup> independent service and Vander Veen said it will not. It will be jointly paid for and under one medical direction, with each community initially maintaining ownership of ambulances, eventually looking at intergovernmental cooperation for leases, etc. He emphasized that all members will be cross-credentialed so they would be able to run on all services.
- Committee wrap up and finalization of "Recommendations" document  
County Administrator Bretl encouraged ideas for changes to the "Recommendations" document. He thanked committee members for their time and interest. Pieroni made a motion to add a requirement under Item E. for PSAPs to create a reporting template. Chair Peters said this information could be produced once the ProPhoenix module is fully implemented; requiring departments to create a template could add unnecessary work for dispatchers. The motion failed for lack of a second. Discussion continued and the following changes were recommended:

- III. A CHANGE TO: *Establish a Walworth County consolidated-unified dispatch center that operates independently of the Sheriff's Office, reports directly to the County Administrator as an*

*independent department, and which would be responsible for countywide emergency dispatch services. Insert Item i. below A to say: Recommend to include a study for a consolidated dispatch center in the 2021 County Budget.*

- III. B. CHANGE: Under Item B.v.: Add “*and ex-officio members from the other two remaining PSAPS*” after “PSAPS” and before “to include.”
- III. G. CHANGE: Delete "*Require all PSAPS to generate reports*" and add "*Encourage PSAPS to generate regular reports.*"

**Pieroni made a motion, seconded by Vander Veen, to approve all recommended changes. Motion carried 4-0.**

**Next meeting date and time:** Discussion ensued regarding the future of the committee. The next meeting date was scheduled for Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

**On motion by Pieroni, seconded by Vander Veen, Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.**

## **Public Comment November 17, 2022 Walworth County Fire/EMS Study Committee**

My name is Al Stanek and I represent District 4 on the Walworth County Board of Supervisors. I have been advocating for a comprehensive, objective outside review of countywide EMS service provision since April.

My recognition of the need for this review came as I listened to my EMS Advanced daughter's pager as she monitored EMS calls even when she wasn't assigned as a, then, \$5 per hour while on call volunteer. Quite honestly, I was shocked to hear second, third and often fourth calls for volunteers. It was clear that there had to be some changes --- and with changes come opportunities to improve service and provide a higher level of service with better coordination and cost effectiveness.

As a member of the County Board I would like to sincerely thank-you for the critical services that you make available. For many of you this is not your full-time job.

Thanks are also in order for the County Administrator and his staff for putting together this very comprehensive binder. There's a lot there. I have read it all. As you find time to review the material let me suggest 2 pages that are of outmost value. They are pages 2, and page 69.

Several of you who were part of the original EMS Study committee that formed over 5 years ago and might be wondering why we're here all over again. You met 6 times and developed recommendations that might now need some updating. Those recommendations never got officially acted on as the COVID outbreak started taking hold just as you concluded your efforts.

Until you can find time to delve into the material contained in this 128 page packet let me point you toward those 2 valuable pages.

Page 2 explains that before authorizing spending of a relatively small amount of Federal COVID relief funds on a comprehensive look at how to improve service and gain efficiencies --- this group is being asked to officially recommend hiring an outside consultant and make some recommendations on a scope of services for such a review.

The number of Wisconsin's 72 Counties that commissioned such an analysis is growing rapidly. One group that conducts these types of reviews, the offshoot of what used to be called the WI Taxpayer's Alliance, reports that as of September of 2021 they had reviewing a dozen service sharing evaluations across the state. Each county is different, but all acknowledge the need for a changes in a noble, but outdated, EMS service delivery model.

You will find a comprehensive report on the urgency of this issue on page 69.

Once again, thank-you for your service and God bless you as you move forward. I respectfully ask that a written version of my comments be a part of the minutes of today's meeting.



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