

**JEFFERSON COUNTY EMS WORKING GROUP
MINUTES**

June 10, 2026

**Jefferson County Courthouse
311 S Center Ave Rm C2063
Jefferson, WI 53549**

1. Call To Order

Bruce Degner called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Roll Call

EMS Working Group Members Present in Person: Bruce Degner, Jenifer Quimby, Bruce Peterson, Travis Maze, Drake Daily, Kyle Ellefson, Dwayne Morris, Laura Payne, Tanya Reynen, John Kannard

Absent: Kim Cheney

EMS Working Group Members Present via Teams: Dr. Christopher Wistrom, Ron Wegner

Others Present via Teams: Danielle Thompson, Chris O'Brein, James Kuckken Watertown Daily Times, Christopher George, Gary Kernodle (Village of Sullivan),

Others Present: Michael Luckey, Megan McBride, Mark Montgomery (Town of Palmyra), Jess Holmes

3. Certification of compliance to open meeting law

Luckey certified compliance

4. Review Agenda

Motion by Kannard, seconded by Quimby to approve agenda as written. Motion passed

5. Public Comment

None

6. Communications

None

7. Approval of May 22, 2026, Meeting

Draft minutes were provided for review

Motion by Quimby to approve, seconded by Daily. Motion carried

8. Second "Education Session" to County Board-Recap (Luckey)

Luckey's remarks to the County Board were on the different systems (county-run, county-supported, and hybrid) that select other counties use for EMS. There was a forum in Chippewa County recently that highlighted Portage County, Lafayette County, and Bayfield County. Luckey's remarks focused more heavily on the approach taken by those three entities.

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation of Funding Formula:

The group considered different mill rates using the models provided by the UW Madison students. Discussions were had on how to present a possible levy to the County Board as well as county taxpayers. The group voted on a funding formula resolution of a .5 mill rate. Motion by Wenger, seconded by Peterson to approve. Ayes 12, (Degner, Quimby, Peterson, Daily, Ellefson, Morris, Payne, Reynen, Kannard, Wistrom, Wegner) Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Maze), Absent 1(Cheney). Motion carried

10. UniverCity Alliance Update and Resource Information

McBride will be stepping away from her position. She will keep the group informed on who will be taking over her role

11. Discussion on Next Steps, Timeline, and Other Miscellaneous Matters

Degner requests that the recommendations for possible increase in the levy limit be presented to the Executive Committee as well as the Finance Committee and Luckey will continue to have monthly County Board education sessions. Morris suggests speaking with other counties who have a countywide EMS system to get an overview of how their operations perform. McBride will add land area into the funding model that the students created and email it to the group for more accurate data. The group will vote on a funding formula at a future meeting.

12. Discussion and Possible Action on Tentative Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Luckey indicated that disbursement considerations should be made. Degner requested to keep recommendations for funding formula on the future agendas. Next meeting was set for July 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Quimby, seconded by Reynen. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.