

**JEFFERSON COUNTY EMS WORKING GROUP
MINUTES**

July 8, 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, Dwayne Morris, Laura Payne, Tanya Reynen, Kim Cheney, Dr. Christopher Wistrom

Excused Members: John Kannard

EMS Working Group Members Present via Teams: Ron Wegner, Kyle Ellefson

Others Present via Teams: Danielle Thompson, Ryan Roecker, Sarana Stolar, W.C

Others Present: Michael Luckey, Jess Holmes

3. Certification of Compliance to Open Meeting Law

Luckey certified compliance

4. Review Agenda

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

5. Public Comment

None

6. Communications

Watertown Daily Times posted an article July 6, with Dodge County Sheriff proposing a countywide EMS plan. Luckey shared the online article and will email to members

7. Approval of June 10, 2026, Meeting

Draft minutes were provided for review

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

8. Review of Jefferson County Executive Committee and Finance Committee Meetings and Committee Chair/Department Head Budget Kickoff

The Finance Committee met on July 7 and agreed to support .25 mill rate levy increase with anticipation that inquiries will be addressed including: efficiencies, uniform data and response times. Luckey will draft a presentation for proposal

9. Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendation of Funding Formula

Action on funding formula of 50% population, 25% area, 25% property value. Motion to approve by Morris, seconded by Payne. Ayes 11, (Wegner, Ellefson, Cheney, Daily, Degner, Morris, Payne, Peterson, Quimby, Reynen, Wistrom) Noes 0, Abstain 1 (Maze). Motion carried

10. Discussion and Possible Action on Using EMS Working Group to Establish Review and Oversight of Funding Formula and Related Inputs

Discussion on identifying an agent to oversee contracts and maintenance efforts. No action taken at this time

11. Discussion and Possible Action on Non-Funding Related Items

Luckey presented information on the WIG-HEART grant and how Jefferson County can use the WIG-HEART grant to advance the EMS Working Group's goals of building a stronger pipeline of well-trained EMTs and paramedics. Supplemental information in packet provided. Group asked Luckey to draft a grant proposal. Another item considered was how to provide proper data to the community. A meeting of the EMS chiefs will be set up by Wegner and Peterson and Luckey will provide a presentation for that meeting when a date is decided. Luckey will also follow up with city, village, and town leadership to keep them aware of progress.

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

Community-based paramedic system was purposed for discussion over the course of time

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

The Group will continue to meet the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room. Next meeting is scheduled for August 12.

14. Adjourn

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Quimby. Meeting adjourned at 10:59 a.m.