

**JEFFERSON COUNTY EMS WORKING GROUP
MINUTES**

May 22, 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 9:06 a.m.

2. Roll Call

EMS Working Group Members Present in Person: Bruce Degner, Jenifer Quimby, Bruce Peterson, Travis Maze, Dr. Chris Wistrom, John Kannard

Absent: Dwayne Morris, Kim Cheney, Drake Daily, Laura Payne

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

Others Present via Teams: Danielle Thompson, Sarana Stolar, Chris O'Brein, James Kuckken Watertown Daily Times

Others Present: Michael Luckey, Megan McBride, Marc DeVries, Steve Nass, 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 Peterson to approve agenda as written. Motion passed

5. Public Comment

None

6. Communications

None

7. Approval of April 8, 2026, Meeting

Draft minutes were provided for review

Motion by Kannard to approve, seconded by Maze. Motion carried.

8. Information From Presentations From UW-Madison Groups

Megan McBride reviewed the presentations from the three student groups from the Spring 2026 Semester. They included "Exploring countywide EMS funding models and feasibility in Jefferson County" (Interdisciplinary Engineering 303), "Creating a scenario analysis tool for distribution of a countywide EMS levy" (Business 895: Masters Capstone in Business Analytics), "Identifying countywide systems efficiencies and opportunities for cost savings" (Industrial Systems Engineering

450). McBride also reviewed the data dashboard completed through independent study with 2024 NFIRS data.

9. Open Discussion: 2025 Act 212

Luckey prepared handout for 2025 Act 212. It was reviewed and discussed.

Consensus was that the EMS Working Group should not prioritize using the levy limit exemption available under Act 212 at this time

10. First “Education Session” to County Board-Recap

Luckey summarized the presentation he gave to the County Board, including a broad overview of the group’s history and goals

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

Degner mentioned a plan needs to be set for how this system will work. Fly cars were discussed with pros and cons. The group also held general discussion on implementation of Emergency Medical Dispatching, the existing levy limit exemption, the approval process for any recommendations from this group, and the best ways to address staffing across departments and regions with various needs.

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

Luckey proposed thoughts on; What is fair distribution? What do the uniform data requirements need to be? Contracts, agreements, IGA’s were brought up as well. Request that the group come prepared to recommend a funding formula at the next meeting. Next meeting was set for June 10, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Kannard. Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.