

JEFFERSON COUNTY EMS WORKING GROUP

MINUTES

August 12, 2026

Jefferson County Courthouse

311 S Center Ave Lake Koshkonong 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, Dwayne Morris, Laura Payne, Tanya Reynen, John Kannard

Excused Members: Drake Daily

EMS Working Group Members Present via Teams: Ron Wegner, Kyle Ellefson, Dr. Christopher Wistrom, Kim Cheney

Others Present via Teams: Sarana Stolar

Others Present: Michael Luckey, Danielle Thompson, 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 July 8, 2026, Meeting

Draft minutes were provided for review

Motion by Reynen to approve, seconded by Morris. Motion carried

8. Review of Stakeholder Meetings: Wisconsin Towns Association, Division 118 Fire Chiefs, Dodge County, Washington County

July 28 Luckey attended the Wisconsin Towns Association to share the proposal considered by the EMS Working Group. On July 29 he visited the Division 118 Fire Chiefs Meeting to discuss the EMS proposal, where the request came back from the Fire Chiefs to consider a 0.33 mill rate levy rather than 0.25. July 31 Luckey, Steve Nass and Bruce Degner met with Dodge County Administrator, Board Chair, and Supervisor Paul Conway. Dodge County is looking at similar examination of usage of a distributed countywide EMS system, with potential EMS Coordinator

position. On August 7 Luckey and Degner met with Washington County Chief Public Safety Officer to learn about their plans for a similar use of the levy exemption to support countywide EMS.

9. Discussion on Community Participation in EMS Discussion

Luckey has scheduled two Countywide EMS System informational meetings for all county officials as well as the public. The first will be held at the Jefferson County Courthouse in the Lake Koshkonong Conference Room, Thursday September 17 at 7:00 p.m. The second will be held at The Watertown Fire Department on September 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Discussion was had on continuing the ad hoc group as an ongoing standing committee to provide measures of accountability. Motion by Morris, seconded by Peterson, to include an action item at the next meeting as to what the EMS Working Group should look like going forward. Motion carried.

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

On September 1, the Finance Committee will hold a regular monthly meeting, and EMS will be an agenda topic. The Finance Committee is anticipated to vote on whether to include the levy increase in the 2027 budget on September 17. Based on feedback from the EMS Working Group, Luckey will develop a brief policy statement that summarizes the requested policy to levy funds towards a countywide EMS system that supports a distributed network of municipal and private EMS providers. This policy statement will be brought to the EMS Working Group at their next meeting for their approval. Luckey indicated he will likely be attending the September County Board meeting virtually and requested that members of the EMS Working Group provide a monthly update to the body.

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

Luckey will advocate for additional aid from the state legislature aid, as directed by the County Board through their adoption of Resolution No. 2026-09. The Group will continue to meet the second Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Koshkonong Conference Room C2063. Next meeting is scheduled for September 9. Requested agenda items include the EMS Working Group design and the proposed policy statement.

13. Adjourn

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Reynen. Meeting adjourned at 10:41a.m.