

AGENDA

EMS Working Group

Videoconference OR

Jefferson County Courthouse

**311 S. Center Avenue, Lake Koshkonong Rm C2063
Jefferson, WI 53549**

September 9, 2026

9:00 a.m.

EMS Working Group

Kim Cheney (Town of Koshkonong), Drake Daily (City of Lake Mills), County Board Supervisor Bruce Degner (Town of Ixonia), Kyle Ellefson (Village of Johnson Creek), John Kannard (Town of Sullivan), Travis Maze (Sheriff's Office), County Board Supervisor, Dwayne Morris (City of Watertown), Laura Payne (Town of Oakland), Bruce Peterson, MABAS Member (City of Fort Atkinson), Jenifer Quimby (City of Waterloo), Tanya Reynen (City of Watertown), Ron Wegner, MABAS Member (City of Jefferson), Dr. Chris Wistrom, Medical Director

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Certification of compliance with Open Meetings Law
4. Review of Agenda
5. Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the committee on specific agenda items must register at this time)
6. Communications
7. Approval of August 12, 2026 EMS Working Group Minutes
8. Review of September 1, 2026 Finance Committee meeting
9. Review of September 8, 2026 County Board meeting presentation
10. Discussion on September 17th and September 24th public meetings
11. Discussion and possible action on policy statement
12. Discussion and possible action on future goals of EMS Working Group and implementation of funding request
13. Discussion and possible action on EMS Working Group future design
14. Discussion on next steps, timeline, and other miscellaneous matters
15. Discussion and possible action on tentative future meeting dates and agenda items
Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. in the Lake Koshkonong Room
16. Adjourn

A quorum of any Jefferson County Committee, Board, Commission, or other body, including the Jefferson County Board of Supervisors, may be present at this meeting.

Individuals requiring special accommodations for attendance at the meeting should contact the County Administrator 24 hours prior to the meeting at 920-674-7101 so appropriate arrangements can be made.

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.

EMS Policy Statement

The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors is considering a proposal for countywide support for EMS. State statutes allow a county to exceed the levy limit imposed by the state for “the amount that a county levies in that year for a countywide emergency medical system.” To ensure a countywide system, the County Board will adopt a policy statement that defines the system as a distributed support network of municipal EMS providers.

The proposal, as recommended by the EMS Working Group, is to levy additional funds for grants to be distributed to EMS providers within Jefferson County based on a formula for the ratio of three weighted variables: 50% share of population, 25% share of land area, and 25% share of equalized value. This funding is requested to be as flexible in nature as possible to strengthen staffing (full and part time, paramedic and EMTs). The County would adopt baseline service guarantees that must be met to ensure adequate coverage countywide. As those benchmarks are met, EMS providers would have a higher level of autonomy to use funds in self-directed ways. The County anticipates that contracts will need to be signed yearly either with EMS providers or all towns/cities/villages.

The existing cross-sector EMS Working Group may be disbanded and recreated as a new entity that reviews and certifies the use of these funds and how additional funding has enhanced and strengthened a countywide EMS response.

Public EMS Discussion



The Jefferson County Board of Supervisors is considering a proposal to enact a financial support mechanism for all EMS systems within Jefferson County.

All elected officials and members of the public are encouraged to attend a session to learn more about the details, including the financial (property tax) impacts.



MEETING DETAILS

Both sessions will include the same content: A presentation from the County Administrator and EMS Working Group members followed by Q&A session.



**Thursday,
September 17th**



7:00pm–8:30pm



**Jefferson County Courthouse
Lake Koshkonong Conference Room**
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Jefferson, WI 53549



**Thursday,
September 24th**



7:00pm–8:30pm



Watertown Fire Department
621 Bernard St.
Watertown, WI 53094



Your participation is requested

All elected officials on the Jefferson County Board, all Town Boards, and all City/Village Councils are invited. A quorum of any of those bodies may be present. This meeting must be noticed publicly in accordance with Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law. No business will be conducted at either meeting.