

Emergency Medical Service

Committee Meeting

July 20, 2018

Location: Barnes Town Office

Attendees: Bill Pence, Guy Johnston, Rose Baldwin, Carl Heltne, James Krook, Diane Rupnow and Tom Renz

Meeting was called to order at 9:03 AM on July 20, 2018

Roll call was completed, quorum declared and verification of public notice completed.

Agenda was reviewed and motion was made by Diane Rupnow and seconded by Bill Pence and approved by unanimous vote without subtraction or addition.

Minutes of the Emergency Medical Service Committee meeting of the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept as written was made by Bill Pence and seconded by Diane Rupnow and approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion was held with Nate Dunston, Interim Director of Sawyer County Ambulance Service. He reviewed the staffing and capabilities of the service. Currently there are four stations; Winter and Hayward with full-time staff and Round Lake and Stone Lake with volunteer staff. These services have a Rapid Response Paramedic component.

They have a relationship with Birchwood which is part of Washburn County. The possibility of enhancing our relationship with Sawyer County was discussed. This concept was considered feasible, noting however that currently there are staffing issues within the Sawyer County Service.

The Barnes EMS Committee stated that it was interested in an initial model whereby Sawyer County would be contracted to provide an on-site Paramedic who would respond to 911 calls. Barnes EMS would be staffed by volunteer EMT's and First Responders and provide the ambulance service. Nate Dunston expressed his willingness to facilitate a meeting with the appropriate individuals from Sawyer County to explore this concept. Further conversation centered around dispatching processes and protocols.

Guy Johnston and Bill Pence reported on their attendance with the Bayfield/Ashland EMS Council. They shared with that group the presentation crafted by this committee previously and advocated for the County to become involved in the process of EMS across the county. James Crandall of District 12 has succeeded in having the county EMS providers surveyed to begin the process of understanding the capabilities and needs that are present.

The meeting with Dr. Shultz was reviewed. He supports a concept of care delivery that retains our local service and supplements this with a rapid response paramedic. He sees no issues with cross credentialing or other such items.

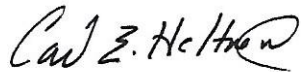
A motion was made by Carl E. Heltne and seconded by Diane Rupnow and approved unanimously to request the board of the Town of Barnes to send a letter to the Bayfield County board supporting the concept of moving to a county-wide integrated and coordinated EMS operation. Rose Baldwin, Diane Rupnow, and Guy Johnston will work on the draft for the letter to Bayfield County drafted for consideration by the Town of Barnes board for this communication.

A motion was made by Bill Pence and seconded by Rose Baldwin for this committee to develop a discussion paper and subsequently an RFP to be utilized as we enter into discussions with Sawyer County and other potential parties detailing our goals, capabilities and needs as we proceed to be prepared for the future in a proactive manner. This motion was approved unanimously. Bill Pence, Carl Heltne, and Guy Johnston will work on the draft for the RFP.

The next committee meeting will be held at 9:00 am on August 6, 2018. The next EMS Committee will be held at the Barnes Ambulance/Fire Training room.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Pence, seconded by Rose Baldwin and approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carl E. Heltne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'C'.

Recording Secretary

