

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, November 17th, 2023

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM. Roll Call Present: Derek Johnson, Jim Wheeler, James Roberts, Sue Luginbuhl, Kate Cronin, Excused: Connie Hilla, David Lonsdorf, Brent Kyzer-McHenry. Also present: Chief Patrick Anderson, Chad Cole, and Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv.

Public Comments: None

Review and Approval of September 21st, 2023, Minutes: Motion Roberts, Second Luginbuhl.
Motion carried.

Review and Approval of October 19th, 2023, Minutes: Motion Wheeler, Second Roberts. *Motion carried.*

Chief's Report: Chief Anderson noted that steady increase in call volume from 2022, as well as the increasing number of times mutual aid was required because of the district being out of resource.

In financials, the Chief noted that the transition to the new billing company had been delayed to December 1st, but that there was a significant movement on billing current calls in October, as well as the 180+ day calls.

He noted "Shout Outs" this month and thanked those mentioned for outstanding work.

Committee Reports:

- a. **Personnel –**
No meeting - nothing to report.
- b. **Finance –**
No meeting – nothing to report.

Approval of Resolution 2023-05 – GASB 54 Fund Balance

Chief Anderson presented and explained the resolution. Motion to approve by Wheeler, 2nd Roberts
Motion carried.

Review and possible action on 2024 Ambulance Rates

Chief Anderson shared the historical and current rates for the district. He shared that the Commission needs to review rates annually and historically has increased them biennially. The new billing company representative suggested a change in the billing process which would include a built-in supply charge for each call into the base rate, and not itemize, as in the past, since some insurance companies, including Medicare, do not pay for itemized supplies. It would also reduce the personnel hours required to review each report and generate a supply charge list on the billing end, increasing proficiency and reducing the chance of error.

He also shared rate data for some other agencies in Dane County. The new rates would be in line with what other area agencies charge. There was a question on charging different rates for BLS, ALS, and ALS2. The Chief explained the difference and that the reimbursement rate is different, regardless of what we charge. If approved, the new rates will start on December 1st when EMS|MC starts to bill for the district.

Motion to approve the new rates made by Roberts, Second Cronin. *Motion Carried*

New Rates:

**Resident Supply added into
Base Charge**

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| ALS2 | \$ 1,462.79 |
| ALS | \$ 1,462.79 |
| BLS | \$ 1,462.79 |
| Mileage | \$ 22.66 |

**NON-Resident Supply
added into Base Charge**

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| ALS2 | \$ 1,565.79 |
| ALS | \$ 1,565.79 |
| BLS | \$ 1,565.79 |
| Mileage | \$ 22.66 |

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson

No questions. Motion Wheeler, 2nd Roberts. *Motion carried.*

Other Business:

The Chief reminded the Commission that there is no meeting in December unless something requiring action comes up before then, and thanked them for their service to the district.

Adjournment: Motion Wheeler, Second by Roberts to adjourn at 7:24 PM. *Motion carried.*

Approved:

Derek Johnson, Chair