**FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Fitch-Rona EMS District**

**101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI**

**Wednesday, June 12th , 2024**

The EMS Commission Finance Subcommittee was held at Fitchburg City Hall. With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM. Roll Call Present: Patrick Lytle, David Lonsdorf, Connie Hilla, Brent McHenry. Also present: Patrick Anderson, EMS Chief

1. **Approval of Minutes from March 21st, 2024** - Motion to approve McHenry Second Hilla. *Motion carried*
2. 2025 Operational Budget Presentation

The committee reviewed the Chief’s proposed 2025 budget. The Chief shared a summary of the budget changed for 2025. There was an overall increase in costs, but with an assumed increase in run revenue and the removal of the reserve funding from the last year’s budget, the current anticipated increase for all the municipalities is 1%. The Chief did note that those numbers would change when the equalized valuation is published at the end of July.

1. Closed session. Motion to move to closed session pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility – Separation Agreement. Motion to approve Lytle, Second McHenry. *Motion carried.* The committee entered closed session at 631 pm.
2. Reconvene to Open Session at 649 pm.
3. Discussion and possible actions on items discussed in closed session. – The committee recommended the Chief to contact the district labor attorney to draft a separation agreement with approval from the commission, as a whole. Motion made by McHenry, Second by Lytle. *Motion Carried*
4. **Other Business:**

Hila asked the Chief about a meeting she was invited to with the Mayor of Fitchburg. The Chief shared that he was invited to a meeting earlier in the week with the mayors and city administrators of Verona and Fitchburg, along with the respective fire chiefs. The mayors had been speaking about adjusting the financial structure of the district through an update to the intergovernmental agreement, which led to a discussion about the current structure of the EMS district. The Chief stated that options were presented at that meeting about maintaining the status quo, but adjusting the financial and governance aspects, creating a combined fire and EMS district, or dissolving FitchRona and the respective municipalities' fire services would provide EMS.

The Chief continued that the next steps were for the mayors to post agenda items on their council meetings for open discussion with their city alders at the end of July and early August. The union was going to be contacted and the Verona fire chief was supposed to be reaching out to the Town of Verona Board president with this information. The Chief stated he would keep the commission informed of what he knew, but he had been asked not to bring it up to the full commission until July.

**Adjournment:** Motion McHenry, Second by Hila to adjourn at 712 PM. *Motion carried.*

Approved:

David Lonsdorf, Subcommittee Chair