

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, November 13, 2025

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Roll Call Present: James Roberts, Jake Lepper, Derek Johnson, David Lonsdorf, Sue Luginbuhl. Absent: Patrick Lytle, Stephen Fusco, Deb Paul, Deputy Chief Dostalek. Also present: Chief Patrick Anderson, Deputy Chief Devon Anders, Office Manager Michelle Wachter and Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv.

Public Comments: None

Review and approval of meeting minutes from September 18, 2025

Motion by Roberts, Luginbuhl second. *Motion carried.*

Chief's Report

The district had an increase in calls last month. Additional mutual aids were needed as well. In addition, the ambulance stationed in Verona had the highest call volume last month. The Chief noted the many community events attended in the past month, including several CPR courses, high school sporting events, and Falls Prevention talks.

The Chief went through the aging report and noted that the government shutdown did affect Medicare billing (no billing done for 3 weeks). He noted that the cash on hand was on track for this point in the year.

The Chief discussed the FAP fund expenditures and mentioned a meeting held with WISC to discuss fund balances and investment options for the post-retirement health care fund and the unassigned balance fund (reserve).

The Chief mentioned milestones, highlighting Deputy Chief Dostalek with 10 years.

The Chief talked about the peak time ambulance that will be in service 2 days a week starting in January, and by the end of the year, the sixth ambulance should be a fully stocked truck ready for the service.

Chief Anderson noted that contract negotiations were continuing, and he is optimistic that he will have something for the commission in December. He also noted that Belleville EMS is contracting to provide service to New Glarus. The intent is to put one of their units in the New Glarus Fire Department. He noted that our district may pick up a few more calls to support the ALS side of things, and he will monitor responses.

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson

Motion Roberts, Lonsdorf second. *Motion carried.*

Resolution 2025-8 – Approval of GASB 54

Chief explained the document and the changes as they occur, noting the changes associated with contract negotiations.

Motion to approve by Lonsdorf, Roberts second. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-9 – Expenditure of 2023 Certified Public Expenditure (CPE) funds

Chief Anderson explained the Medicaid reimbursement program, which was retroactive to 2023. The State set up a process for service to report expenses and revenue to determine a reimbursement amount, recognizing the low rates paid for Medicaid patients. The district received \$46,660.30 from the 2023 submission. The Chief explained the options for use of these unbudgeted/unassigned funds, proposing the purchase of medical equipment for the additional (sixth) ambulance.

Motion to approve use of the funds for equipment (cardiac monitor and ultrasound unit) for the ambulance so that all ambulances are equipped the same by Lonsdorf, Luginbuhl second. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-10 – Intergovernmental Agreement to provide EMS support to the Dane County Alliant Center

Chief Anderson indicated that the IGA has been the same since 2021, with the only update being the fee rate (3% increase). The Chief explained the work involved with the agreement and that it's all cost recovery for the district.

Motion to approve the agreement by Roberts, Lonsdorf second. *Motion carried.*

Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2025-11 - Data Hosting and Sharing Agreement with the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents

The Chief explained that the agreement was set up from a project conducted by Dr Michael Spigner from UW Health, as part of our medical direction team. The district would not have to do anything (no cost). The data would be hosted in a secure data environment, and they are hoping to get as many agencies on board as possible. The district will be the first agency to sign on.

Motion to approve the agreement by Roberts, Lepper second. *Motion carried.*

Other Business:

The Chief noted the December meeting and will keep the commission posted on the contract negotiations. In addition, there may be another resolution on CPE funds coming soon.

It was also mentioned that starting in the new year, the makeup of the commission will change to:
4 members from the City of Fitchburg
2 members from the City of Verona
1 member from the Town of Verona

Adjournment: Motion Luginbuhl, Roberts second to adjourn at 7:41 PM. *Motion carried.*

Next meeting – December 18, 2025, at 7 pm.

Approved:

Derek Johnson, Chair