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**Walworth County Board of Supervisors
Fire/EMS Study Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 17, 2022
Walworth County Government Center, County Board Room 114
100 West Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin**

Chair John Peters called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call was conducted and the following members were present: Chair John Peters; Vice-Chair Dave Nelson; Fire/EMS Representative Chief Bruce Vander Veen (arrived at 1:06 p.m.); County Representatives Director-Public Works Richard Hough and County Board Supervisor Ken Monroe (arrived at 1:20 p.m.); and Local Representatives Joe DeGaro, Theresa Loomer, and Brian Wilson (arrived at 1:03 p.m.). Becky Tobin was absent. A quorum was declared.

Others in Attendance

County Board Supervisors: Al Stanek.

County Staff: Walworth County Administrator Mark W. Luberda.

On motion by Vice-Chair Nelson, second by Hough, the agenda was approved with no withdrawals.

On motion by Vice-Chair Nelson, second by DeGaro, the November 25, 2019 Fire/EMS Study Committee meeting minutes were approved.

Public Comment

County Board Supervisor, District 4, Al Stanek appeared in person and read a letter to the Committee, as to the urgency for Fire/Emergency Medical Services (EMS) reform throughout the County. Supervisor Stanek requested a written copy of his comments be included with the minutes.

New Business

7a. Introduction of Members

Each member, along with the County Administrator Mark W. Luberda, introduced themselves and briefly explained their position relative to the Committee.

7b. Emergency Medical Directors (non-voting members)

The two emergency medical director appointments will be considered by the County Board at their next meeting.

7c. Consideration of and discussion on the purpose, past efforts, and future direction of the Fire/EMS Study Committee, including, but not limited to: the mission and principles of the committee; the existing draft report and its development; changes in municipal Fire/EMS services since the last meeting; and, the potential for support from consulting services to examine

Discussion ensued relative to the current purpose of this Committee. Luberda explained that previous resolutions, mission statement, and the draft report of Fire/EMS Study Committee recommendations from 2019 were included in the binders distributed to each member. Members of the Committee each voiced concerns relative to Fire/EMS in their individual municipalities, as well as what, if any, information would likely be divulged from a study. Local Municipality Representative Theresa Loomer advised that she has had conversations with Rob Henken with Wisconsin Policy Forum, and he is willing to facilitate meetings and/or conversations relative to the scope of performing a study.

Chair Peters suggested the Committee use the next meeting to discuss the recommendations drafted in 2019. Additionally it was suggested that the type of data and specific information desired from a study be considered.

Confirmation of next meeting date and time: The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

On motion and second by Vander Veen and Wilson, Chair Peters adjourned the meeting at 2:43 p.m.

Submitted by Jennifer Stinnett, Administrative Assistant. Meeting minutes are not considered final until approved by the Fire/EMS Study Committee at the next regularly scheduled meeting.