

Recent Timeline of the Fire/EMS Study Committee and Related Issues -- Prepared 5/12/23

May 16, 2022 – Executive Committee:

- First time Fire/EMS discussed.
- Motion to present topic to ICC and then report back to the Executive Committee.

June 14, 2022 – Committee of the Whole meeting regarding update on ARPA:

- Motion to refer to Executive and Finance Committees a budget modification of no more than \$22,000 of ARPA funds to obtain recommendations from a professional analysis firm relative to improving EMS services countywide and to re-establish Fire/EMS Study Committee.

June 20, 2022 – Executive Committee:

- Motion to re-establish the Fire/EMS Study Committee.
- Mark will contact members to ensure continued participation.
- Motion to table the budget amendment to July Executive Committee meeting.

Committee member attendance history completed and contacted past members.

July 18, 2022 – Executive Committee:

- Motion to re-establish the Fire/EMS Study Committee in the context of doing so in advance of commissioning a study.
- Mark will fill vacant positions.
- A motion was approved “giving the County Administrator authority to allow the expenditure, not to exceed \$22,000, utilizing ARPA funds to obtain recommendations from a professional analysis firm relative to improving EMS service countywide, based on recommendations from the FIR/EMS Study Committee.” A resolution was to be drafted for the July Finance Committee.

July 21, 2022 – Finance Committee:

- A resolution to establish a budget for a countywide EMS study with ARPA grants funding not to exceed \$22,000 approved. It would go to August County Board for final approval.
- Funds are not available until the Fire/EMS Study Committee meets and provides a recommendation.

August 8, 2022 – County Board Meeting:

- Resolution to establish a budget for a county-wide EMS study with ARPA grants funding for \$22,000 approved.

September 19, 2022 – Executive Committee:

- Fire/EMS Study Committee appointments recommended for confirmation.

October 11, 2022 – County Board Meeting:

- Fire/EMS Study Committee appointments confirmed.

October 25, 2022 – Intergovernmental Cooperation Council

- An update was provided as to the County’s efforts to re-establish the Fire/EMS Study Committee.

November 14, 2022 – Executive Committee:

- Medical director appointments to the Fire/EMS Study Committee recommended for confirmation.

November 17, 2022 – Fire/EMS Study Committee:

- First meeting.
- Discussed purpose of the committee and individual concerns.
- Chair suggested the next meeting be used to discuss recommendations drafted in 2019 and the type of data desired from a study.

December 6, 2022 – County Board Meeting:

- Medical director appointments to the Fire/EMS Study Committee confirmed.

January 17, 2023 – Fire/EMS Study Committee:

- Communications center presentation by Captain Todd Neumann.
- Suggestions to assess short, mid, and long-term challenges and the short and long-term plan for Communications.
- Discussed topics not to include in study.
- Captain Neumann and the County Administrator will draft a plan to present in two months for delivery options of Fire/EMS.

February 28, 2023 – Fire/EMS Study Committee:

- Motion to perform a study that arms our citizens and policymakers with the state of our Fire/EMS services; their disparities, current and potential future ones, across the county; and to identify options for collaboration. Any recommendations are met against a countywide model of best practices, and they give us the near, mid, and long-term options.
- Mark and Rich Hough will work on scope of the RFP and bring to the next meeting.

April 6, 2023 – Fire/EMS Study Committee:

- A sample statement of scope and a sample contract from a comparable study was provided to the Committee.
- Motion to proceed with preparing a study similar to the outline as the Ozaukee County study with the addition of mid-term solutions and the inclusion of growth data in the data collection combined with a briefing from Wisconsin Policy Forum at the next meeting for fine tuning the scope before making a commitment.
- Motion to recommend a letter be sent to governmental and fire protection leadership to describe what has been talked about, what the committee’s thoughts are, make sure they still want scope that was originally requested, and talk about the study. In addition, a presentation from Wisconsin Policy Forum be given to the ICC.
- Next meeting to be held after the next ICC meeting.
 - The April ICC meeting was postponed due to municipal elections. Next meeting date still TBD.