

LINCOLN COUNTY EMS/JUDICIAL COMMITTEE
Wednesday, October 12 2011 @ 8:30 a.m.
Lincoln County Service Center – 801 N. Sales St., Merrill WI

MEMBERS PRESENT: Caylor, Giese, Krueger, Mittelsteadt, and Lee.

MEMBERS EXCUSED: None

VISITORS: Sheila Pudelko, Randy Scholz, Tim Meehan, Dan Leydet, Bob Odegard, and Nancy Bergstrom.

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Lee called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes – September 14, 2011:** M/S Krueger/Caylor to approve. Motion carried by unanimous consent voice vote.
3. **Approve Temporary Family Court Commissioner Contract:** The district court suspended our Family Court Commissioner, so we now have a vacancy that needs to be filled. The proposed contract is with Bonnie Wachsmuth, currently working for Taylor County. Ms. Wachsmuth's proposed contract would be for \$70/hour, where Mr. Reiff was paid monthly, and the proposed contract's term would be to year-end. Discussion followed. M/S Caylor/Giese to approve the contract through year-end, and then place the Family Court Commissioner position on the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous consent voice vote.
4. **Ambulance Billing:** Mr. Leydet presented collection analysis information which shows, other than thus far in 2011 and being short-staffed, our collection ratio exceeds that being proposed by Life Quest when calculating in their percentage fee. Discussion followed. It was stated we can review this again in a year to be sure things are working the way we anticipate. M/S Giese/Krueger to go along with the proposed change of moving the ambulance billing procedure from the County Clerk's office to the medical billing department at Pine Crest and the Finance Department. Motion carried by majority voice vote 4 – 1 with Mr. Mittelsteadt voting no.

Mr. Caylor was excused at 9:09 a.m.

5. **Purchase Ambulance:** Chief Odegard stated all the ambulances are functioning well now, but he feels this is a good price and he wants to stay in the rotation. It was stated the price now, with trade-in, is \$118,440 and we only have \$113,791 in CIP funds allocated for this purchase. An increase in CIP funding would require going back to the CIP Committee. Discussion followed. M/S Mittelsteadt/Krueger to have Chief Odegard check to see if this price will be good to the end of this year, and then see if the CIP Committee will increase the necessary funding to possibly purchase this ambulance in 2012. Motion carried by unanimous consent voice vote.

The Clerk was asked to get a report from Tomahawk on the status of their ambulances for discussion at the next meeting.

6. **Tomahawk Report:** Tomahawk's monthly report was placed on file.
7. **Merrill Report:** Chief Odegard gave Merrill's monthly report. M/S Lee/Mittelsteadt to place on file. Motion carried by unanimous consent voice vote.

8. **Clerk's Monthly Charge Report, Write-Off List and YTD Budget Report:**

Through 8/31/11	<u>Charges</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Write-Offs</u>	<u>Med/MA W/O</u>
MERRILL	\$ 1,039,619.10	\$ 463,754.66	\$ 8,312.13	\$ 416,951.47
TOMAHAWK	<u>\$ 437,383.85</u>	<u>\$ 202,373.56</u>	<u>\$ 3,056.66</u>	<u>\$ 167,092.45</u>
	\$ 1,477,738.16	\$ 666,128.22	\$ 11,368.79	\$ 584,043.92

**EMS/Judicial Committee Meeting
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EMS WRITE-OFFS through August 2011 were:

<u>V.A.</u>	<u>Sheriff Dept</u>	<u>Ins.</u>	<u>Deceased</u>	<u>Sacred Heart</u>	<u>MA 52</u>
\$ 1,119.61	\$ 7,032.52	\$ 840.46	\$ 1,128.00	\$ 198.20	\$ 1,050.00

M/S Lee/Giese to place on file. Motion carried by unanimous consent voice vote.

9. **Review YTD Budget Reports:** All budget reports were received and placed on file.
10. **Next Meeting Date:** Wednesday, November 9, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m. at the Service Center, Room 248.
11. **Adjourn:** M/S Krueger/Lee to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous consent on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Sheila Pudelko