

Richland County Joint Ambulance
June 23, 2025
Minutes

Present: Kerry Severson, Julie Flemming, Todd Coppernoll, Mary Rognholt, Shirley Welte, Daniel Timm, Glen Niemeyer, Don Stanke, Gordon Palmer, Doug Duhr, Jean Nicks, and Terrance Jindrick.

Absent: Tom McCarthy, Brian McGraw, Jerome Durst, Tim Willis.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by vice-chair, Don Stanke.
2. Notification of the meeting was made and the agenda was posted.
3. Committee attendance was as noted above.
4. Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of items 10, 11 and 12 was made by Jean Nicks with a second by Shirley Welte. Motion approved.
5. Previous meeting minutes were not approved as they were not provided in advance to the committee. They will be shared and reviewed at the next meeting.
6. Judy Shireman shared in public comment that there are no buildings open for the hot weather. She attempted to contact John Heinen and did not get a response back. In the past, county buildings were opened when the weather was hot like it has been. She shared there are no buildings open 24/7. She felt there needed to be a better response for the heating and cooling shelters as there is a mandate that the county is not following through on.

Discussion held about Brian McGraw stepping down as the chair of the committee. Todd Coppernoll shared that he was told that Mike Jessen is no longer with the county as his employment was terminated on Friday.

7. Rafael Lamourt shared that Friday's actions of removing Mike Jessen was a loss of advocacy for the service and the community. He asked that moving forward, the crew members have input in the future leadership put in place. He feels that the licensed medical professionals deserve more respect from those that oversee them. He is asking for more respect, kindness and consideration.
8. Administrator Clements explained that she has been placed in the role of the Service Director for the EMS service on a temporary basis by the Executive and Finance Committee. This is a short term appointment until a contract can be put in place for a interim service director.

Derek Goplen shared call numbers. 713 total for the year. June is at 80 – 90 calls for the month.

A financial update will be provided at the next meeting as the data was not available for the meeting.

A request to have a meeting at the end of July so that accurate data could be provided to the committee. The committee reminded the county that the MOU is up at the end of this year and they need to know what to expect moving forward. Jean

Nicks shared they are looking to engage with another ambulance service moving forward.

9. JAC meeting will be quarterly moving forward with meetings being held in February, May, May, August and November. Next meeting will be on July 28, 2025 to give an update to the committee.
10. Ambulance maintenance update will be provided to the committee next month as the data was not gathered for this meeting.
11. Discussion on the MOU between the municipalities and the county. Once a new MOU is presented, the municipalities can decide what they want to do. A motion was made by Jean Nicks with a second by Mary Rognholt to have a discussion on the JAC structure, approval of minutes, financial reports, call data and ambulance maintenance on the next agenda. Motion carried.

Prior to the meeting adjourning, Todd Coppernoll shared that the city and townships have a critical responsibility to provide an Ambulance Service. He feels there are many unanswered questions that need to be answered. Additionally, they need to know what is going on moving forward as they need to budget for an ambulance service. Motion made by Jean Nicks with a second by Julie Flemming to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.