

FITCH-RONA EMS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Fitch-Rona EMS District
101 Lincoln St., Verona, WI
Thursday, July 16, 2026

With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Roll Call Present: Allison Kirk, Daniel Schultz, Jake Lepper, Mary Wienkers, Patrick Lytle, Stephen Fusco, David Lonsdorf. Also present: Chief Patrick Anderson, Deputy Chief Jeff Dostalek, Deputy Chief Devon Anders, Office Manager Michelle Wachter and Scott Yarbrough, Fitchburg FACTv.

Public Comments: None

Swearing in and pinning paramedic interns

- a. Kiara Cherry
- b. Natalie Simac

Pinning of paramedic intern graduate Katerina Thao

Review and approval of meeting minutes from June 18, 2026

Motion by Lepper, Kirk second. *Motion carried.*

Chief's Report

Chief Anderson noted calls were down slightly from the prior month. July however is making up for that. He noted mutual aid to date and community events. Events included Boys and Girls Club Career Day and the Verona Police Department Bike Rodeo.

The Chief noted that station 2 in Fitchburg continues to be the busiest with 165 calls in June.

Chief Anderson went over the aging report for financials and noted that the aging was down to a more manageable amount. He indicated that internal auditing is going on to help with billings going to collections. He mentioned that cash on hand was as expected.

Milestones were noted for staff including Gary Salmela retiring in August after 25 years of service. He also noted that our first intern, Mollie Olson celebrates 4 years of service to the district as well as many more milestones.

The Chief noted that the arbitration date was set for the personnel case that is pending.

Commission member Kirk mentioned that the fractal times are very commendable for the district.

A question asked about the AR goals listed on the Chief's report. The Chief will reach out to the auditor for a review of the district's aging goals. There was also a question about the billing company and collection agency fees. The Chief explained the billing company is a 6% fee of collections but was not sure of the change in fees then accounts go to collections. We will also clarify the amount of money that is kept when bills go to collections.

Resolution 2026-05 Approval of GASB 54

The Chief explained the document and motion to approve was made by Lepper, Second Lytle. *Motion carried.*

Review and approval of accounts payable checks authorized by Chief Anderson

Motion Lepper, Second Fusco. *Motion carried.*

Resolution 2026-06 – Discussion and possible action on use of Unassigned Fund Balance for purchase of Capital Equipment – Stryker Power Cot and Autoload

Chief Anderson explained future ambulance purchases. He noted there is an opportunity to use the unassigned funds this year to purchase the power cot and autoload which are planned for replacement in 2027. This will save on shipping and price increases. He noted that he can delay delivery, so the warranty starts when we start using the equipment. He noted that preventative maintenance and other parts are included in the cost presented. He noted that the price includes the trade-in of the old equipment.

Motion to approve the purchase of the power cot, autoload and associated equipment by Lepper, Second Kirk. *Motion carried*

Discussion and possible action on Memorandum of Understanding regarding Permanent Part Time Paramedic positions

There was a move to table this discussion by Schulz, Second Lepper. *Motion carried*

Discussion and possible action on 2027 Ambulance Service Rates

The Chief explained the proposal and each fee. He noted that it was a 3% increase. It was also noted that the new fees would not take effective until January 1, 2027.

Motion to approve the new ambulance service rates effective January 1, 2027 by Lepper, Second Kirk. *Motion carried*

There was a question on the percentage of patients that don't have insurance. The Chief will get that number to the commission.

Discussion and possible action on the 2027 Operational Budget

The Chief met with the municipalities to discuss the operational budget, explain increases and other changes made. He noted that he took out the second medical director fee that was included in the previous proposal and added hours for staffing the peak time trucks with LTE's are was started in 2026. He noted other changes as well. He noted that the budget does factor in a 3% increase in ambulance fees.

The Chief noted that he would still plan to have the medical director attend an upcoming commission meeting to discuss how the director works with the district.

Motion to present the Fitch-Rona EMS District's 2027 Operation Budget to the municipalities to review and approve as part of their budget process by Lepper, Second Schulz. *Motion carried*

Other Business:

None

Adjournment: Motion Kirk, Schulz per second to adjourn at 8:05 PM. *Motion carried.*

Next monthly commission meeting – August 20, 2026, at 7 pm.

Approved:

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David Lonsdorf, EMS Commission Chair

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