



Effingham County Board
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March 10, 2026 3:30 P.M.
Ambulance Oversight Committee Meeting

MINUTES

Committee Members Present: Sandi Rich, Jeremy Deters, Rick Manford, Brandt Yocum, Ron Will, Tina Daniels, Deb Murbarger

Absent:

Others Present: Wayne Woods (RuralMed), Brady Voelker (RuralMed), Billie Bales (City), Travis Buhnerkempe

Minutes

- Approval of February 10, 2026 minutes. J. Deters motioned/R. Manford seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*

Public Comments

- None

Dispatch Report/Mutual Aid Report

- RuralMed shared reporting for month of February.
 - February report of 469 total requests for ambulance; 328 911 requests; 47 private line requests; 99 refusals; 91 other calls; 0 mutual aids given; 3 mutual aids received; 2 standbys.

Recruitment (training, certifications)

- RuralMed reported two CPR renewals, one paramedic renewal and one PALS renewal.

Quality Compliance

- RuralMed report showed February chute time average 1 minute 28 seconds; response time average 7 minutes 30 seconds; scene time average 16 minutes 7 seconds.
- RuralMed reviewed All Units Busy (AUB) Incident Reports for February.
- 26 status zeros for February with 4 pending 911 calls directly after status zero

Commendations/Complaints

- RuralMed reported complaint of paramedic vaping in back of ambulance with a patient. RuralMed confirmed paramedic does not smoke, vape, etc. RuralMed reported same complainant stated paramedic mishandled chest tube. RuralMed confirmed all medics have received training

and are tested on chest tubes. Rural Med reported multiple attempts at contacting complainant with no success.

Ambulance Agreement and Contract

- S. Rich shared item will be discussed in closed session.

General Information

- RuralMed reported receiving call on I-57 South on day of tornado with hail in which a vehicle had stopped in middle of lane causing a chain effect of accidents. RuralMed reported a drone was flying (Chicago area storm chaser) over crash scene causing issues. RuralMed reported IL State Police were notified in regards to drone and drone was removed from scene.

Committee Member Comments

Closed Session

- Committee convened in closed session per state statutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) for reason of contract negotiations. S. Rich stated committee will also need to convene in closed session per state statutes 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) for reason of possible litigation.
- J. Deters motioned to move into closed session. R. Will seconded. Roll call vote. Unanimous ***Motion carried.***
- J. Deters motioned to move back into open session. T. Daniels seconded. Unanimous. ***Motioned carried.***
- No action taken.

Adjournment

- J. Deters motioned/T. Daniels seconded to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Minutes Submitted by Angie Thompson, County Board Administrator