

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
December 21, 2011

Members Present: Rob Reichwein, Olin Fimreite, Dick Miller, John Aasen, David Suchla

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Brian Puent, Lieutenant Harlan Reinders, Lieutenant Tonya Niederkorn, and Sergeant Joan Koval. Dan Schreiner Dave Steinhoff.

Meeting called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Reichwein stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Suchla and seconded by Miller to approve the amended agenda as posted, but to move up items 10 and 9 as Suchla will need to leave the meeting early. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Motion by Reichwein and seconded by Fimreite to accept the November 15, 2011 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Law Enforcement Personnel County Comparisons

Suchla would like the UW Extension, but not Pat Malone prepare a county comparison evaluating staffing needs and requirements. Discussion of how to adequately gain relevant information followed as it is determined there is no standard reporting procedures on the city or county level within the state. The Sheriff stated that when a report is ready to be presented the individuals that prepared the report be available to present in person and answer questions.

Suchla motioned that he be allowed to go to UW Extension and obtain objective third-party to compile a comparison and evaluation report; seconded by Aasen, motion carried 4 to 1.

Deputy (Patrol Officer) Personnel Requisition

Hire/fill expected vacancy as a result of promotion

Suchla motioned to approve Patrol Officer Requisition, seconded by Aasen; Chair Reichwein asked for discussion, being none called for vote; motion carried 4 to 1.

Suchla left meeting.

Concerns with Deer Shining

A board member received a complaint about a citizen's house being shined while people were out deer shining. Discussion followed about pro and cons of deer shining, and if there are rules, ordinances, etc. Sheriff Anderson noted we had three complaints, however none related to shining on buildings. The Sheriff discussed complaints received with DNR's office over past two years and DNR stated approximately 30 complaints about "shining". Miller suggested that, in general, board members who receive complaints should refer them to the Sheriff's office to handle.

Communication Project Update

Dan Schreiner introduced Dave Steinhoff to update the board. Dave Steinhoff stated the Radio System as of December 14th is running on all seven sites with no issues. Feedback received has had no complaints, except for radios missed re-programming.

Dodge, which has been determined to have the worst coverage reported portable coverage having effective communication. Non-Scientific study which was driving around the county, again had Dodge have the worst coverage, but not as bad as was thought based on the maps. Another drive-around will be done, but has not been scheduled yet. Dave Steinhoff has no doubt the “95% coverage” will be met.

The only item left is the Alarm system and back up control stations. The process has been started, no completion date was given. The Karlstad tower is still running fire and Highway. Osseo, Whitehall, Strum, and Eleva are on the new system, but Dave Steinhoff is not sure if Fire is as well.

December 15, 2011 starts the 90 day preliminary no fault run, then warranty starts on Mar 15, 2012 with final acceptance.

Hazard Mitigation Program Grant Update

Dan Schreiner was notified by the state for the Trempealeau County Watershed, but the state is waiting for the final approval of the last phase.

Monies for the High Water warning system of \$149,000 less 12.5% (local match) has been set aside for this project.

Six different locations will be established to send wirelessly updates to dispatch and the National Weather Service flood level predictions which will be more accurate and timely.

Reichwein asked Dan if he heard anything regarding the City of Arcadia and the rerouting of Meyers Creek. Dan said he has heard talk of levy upgrades.

Fimreite asked about how many monitoring systems will be installed. Dan noted the grant is for six auto rain gauges. This system will be coupled with the USGS river monitor gauge in Arcadia. Dan has received a letter of intent from Arcadia to put in their budget the annual service costs of this.

Miller asked how the out-lying systems are powered. Dan stated by solar and/or battery and the systems will be located on public lands.

2011 Rent & Electricity on Communications System Reimbursement through Communication Bond

The Sheriff reported 2011 expenses that were agreed upon to be reimbursed through the Communication Bond is \$8,234.60 for Rent and electricity related to support services, and this does not include rents due on the Karlstad tower. Discussion about how these expenses are accounted for in 2012 followed, and the Sheriff confirmed they have been established in the budget. Miller asked what happens with the bond monies not spent, which Dan noted at approximately \$125,000. Dan says it is up to the county to determine. Dan has suggestions, one being a negotiation with TCC to pay for upgrades on their tower, which will be reimbursed to us through no rent for a period of time, alleviating burden on the budget for a period of time. Additional suggestions are for monies to be spent on deconstruction of towers and the Karlstad lease settlement.

Reichwein motioned for \$8,234.60 be paid from the bond, seconded by Fimreite: motion carried 4 to 0.

Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Jail

Microbe Free Solutions Application

Joan Koval gave a power point presentation on Microbe Free Solutions on the use, application and benefits. Discussion followed on the pros and cons. Miller would like to get direct opinions from companies that have applied the product and how the performance is being tracked within the institution. The Sheriff stated the bid given is greatly reduced from \$14,000 to \$2,100 with contingencies the county be one of the first in the area and also be used as a reference for Microbe. The Sheriff asked to bring up the next item on the agenda as the two are related.

Paint Removal in Cell Blocks and Steel Bars – Proposal

The Sheriff received a bid of approximately \$176,000 to remove paint from bars and walls within the jail and to prime and paint cell blocks and steel bars. The Sheriff wanted to discuss as if this is done after the Microbe is applied we would lose the effects through the paint removal and repainting process. The paint issue arises through necessity as the current paint is being peeled by inmates.

Discussion followed based on the Microbe and Paint Removal costs and it was determined to table until the next meeting with the department to get additional options for the paint removal and bids, Sergeant Koval to obtain references on Microbe and Lieutenant Niederkorn to talk with Microbe about extending the terms on their original bid.

Maintenance and Repairs Costs – Cells and Doors

The Sheriff stated two invoices were received for the repair of the cells and doors and Bruce – Maintenance agreed to pay one invoice and the Sheriffs office paid for the other.

Jail Population Statistics

Lieutenant Niederkorn noted all inmates as of December 21, 2011 have been removed from Chippewa County and transported back to Trempealeau County. She also noted, historically, the numbers within the system tend to dip during the holidays. Sheriff Anderson noted this has been the first in years that we have no “out-of-county inmates”.

Electronic Monitoring requirements have been revamped a bit again.

Purchase – Transport Van

The Sheriff informed of the trade-in made of the old transport van to purchase the 2011 Dodge Caravan with \$11,989 of monies from the Sheriff Vehicles Non-Lapsing fund. The Sheriff determined it cost effective to purchase the new van versus spending the money for repairs on the old van.

Transfer of monies from 2011 Sheriff Administration Account to Sheriff’s Vehicle Non-Lapsing Fund Account

The Sheriff asked for discussion for moving monies from the 2011 Budget to the Vehicle Non-Lapsing fund account. The Sheriff noted that future year squad purchases could be greater than budgeted, and we are operating below budget for the year. It was asked how much totally could be carried forward, the Sheriff answered \$60,000. Sheriff Anderson advised he estimates there will be approximately \$14,500 left in the Non-Lapsing Fund and the committee could move up to \$45,000.

Reichwein made the motion to transfer up to \$45,000 from the 2011 Sheriff Administration fund to the Sheriff's Vehicle Non-Lapsing fund account to take place in January 2012 after all other budget requirements for 2011 are met, seconded by Miller, motion carried 4 to 0.

Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns

Fimreite discussed his concern over a newspaper article and questioned how the information is reported to the media. Sheriff Anderson referenced this specific article stated the department did not submit anything to the media, unless requested by an individual under Open Records. Chief Deputy Puent responded that much of the information is of public record and the media has access to all public records and public court records.

Questions regarding Monthly Vouchers

No comments.

Next Meeting Date/Time

The monthly Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on January 11, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Packer Room.

Motion by Reichwein, second by Aasen to adjourn the meeting.

Reichwein adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Aasen

Secretary, Law enforcement/Emergency Management Committee