

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
April 11, 2012

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

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Lt. Tonya Niederkorn

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by Reichwein stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Aasen and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Fimreite and seconded by Miller to accept the March 7, 2012 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried 5 to 0.

Communication Project Update

a. Promulgation Statement Acceptance

Sheriff Anderson advised a strategic plan was sent out by Dan Schreiner and should be included in each committee member's packet. Schreiner appeared via telephone and advised the Promulgation Statement is being presented to the committee only. The last one was approved in the early 1980's and the State requires an updated copy. The committee's signature is for approval to adopt the plan for hazardous material spills and reponses. Schreiner advised this does not need to be approved by today. Motion by Suchla to table this for the next committee, Miller seconded. motion carried 5-0.

b. Karlstad Tower Update

Rassbach Communications has taken this tower over for \$1.00. Karlstad's have been paid \$4,950.00 and the previous check was voided. Suchla inquired if anything has been done to see if the communication system is working. Sheriff Anderson advised Schreiner sent something out to the fire departments and although some checking has been done, there are still some issues that are being worked on. Schreiner & CSI will provide an update next meeting. Dispatch is logging any issues and referring to CSI. Sheriff Anderson will try to attend the next fire meeting. Suggestion was made to check with Dispatch to determine if they have overheard any testing being done.

Purchase of Vehicles

Bids were distributed by Sheriff Anderson. Suchla stated I make a motion that the Sheriff purchases what he wants. Sheriff Anderson distributed information on bids from several dealerships. Sheriff Anderson suggested purchasing two Dodge Chargers as the department has had minimal issues with them. Sheriff Anderson also stated even though he would like to try the new Impala or Taurus he felt that it would be in the best interest to wait another year or so to ensure they are mechanically sound since it's the first year of the police package. Sheriff Anderson also questioned the committee if they felt it would be at the best interest of the county to purchase another F150 due to the resale value. Motion by Suchla to approve the purchase of two 2012 Dodge Chargers from Arcadia Dodge and one F150 Eco Boost pickup truck from Osseo Ford, seconded by Aasen. Motion carried 5-0.

Jail Cook Vacancy/Contracting Services

A Trempealeau County Jail Cook is retiring as of May 1, 2012. Sheriff Anderson advised we are looking at other vendors for jail food service. He spoke to Jami Kabus on the possibility of taking applications for the cook position, however, delay filling the position until we have all the information together. Niederkorn advised we are currently purchasing meals from the Trempealeau County Health Care Center. Sheriff Anderson has spoken to Mary Gullicksrud about cost to the county; to make, prepare and deliver food three times per day, 365 days per year with the possibility of absorbing our cooks. More discussion and conversation will take place to discuss logistics and cost. Motion by Miller to move forward with further exploration of jail meal options and take applications for the jail cook position. Sheriff Anderson will take a committee member with him to speak to Mary Gullicksrud, TCHCC, again regarding the quote. Motion seconded by Aasen. Motion carried 5-0.

Monthly Department Activities/Concerns

Sheriff Anderson raised concern regarding increasing gas prices. Several thefts have been solved in the last week.

Jail Issues/Concerns

- a. Jail Population: 33 in custody, 1 housed in Chippewa County Jail, and 15 on electronic monitoring. There are 20 drug court participants. Misdemeanor Diversion program has had 110 participants; 10 were revoked, 10 completed the program, and 40-45 still in the program.

- b. Office Space Remodel: Sheriff Anderson advised the objective is to get more office space in the jail. Jurowski provided a cost estimate of \$3,802.00 to move a wall for necessary office space. Tom Powlett, Venture Architect, was contacted to look at the area and stated it would not breach the contract. In discussion with the Sheriff, Tom Powlett suggested revisiting the possibility of adding a pod onto the existing jail. Sheriff Anderson advised Venture that would have to be a decision of the county and would advise the Law Enforcement Committee of such. Sheriff Anderson that Venture has put a plan together for review should the committee wish to look at it along with estimate cost depending on plan selection. Cost could be somewhere between \$4 - \$7 million. The committee stated this should be addressed by the next Law Enforcement Committee. No action taken.
- c. Cell Block Window Installations: B block shower window insert currently installed. Jurowski working on other inserts for the remaining cell blocks. Cost is approximately \$3,500.00 per insert to be paid from Bruce's maintenance account.
- d. Video Visitation: Niederkorn working with several vendors to obtain quotes for video visitation in each cell block, multi-purpose room, and 3 in the lobby area.
- e. Main Control: Current system has not been upgraded since 2005. Update needed along with gate and lock repairs. Sliding gate is still not operational. Suchla offered suggestion on console upgrade change. Niederkorn will contact Suchla for further information.

Next meeting Date and Time: May 9, 2012 at 3:00 pm

Meeting Adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by,
John Aasen