

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
October 3, 2012

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

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Lt. Tonya Niederkorn, Dan Schreiner (2:35), Dave Steinhoff, Rian Radtke (3:24)

Meeting called to order at 2:30 pm by Suchla stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion made by Aasen and seconded by Miller to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Suchla and seconded by Reichwein to approve the August 29, 2012 meeting minutes. Added notations: Clarified Jail Position and Motion 3-1 noted Suchla as nay. Motion carried 4-0.

Communications Project Update

Purchase of Video Cameras at Tower Sites (Change Order) – Suchla noted he talked with our IT Dept. and was informed we can use the current system. Steinhoff said he would have to redo the change order in order to reflect the reduction in cost for utilizing our own server. Motion by Reichwein seconded by Suchla to postpone until next meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Change Orders for Communication System Yearly Maintenance – Discussion on how payment will be disbursed either by Bond monies or from the budget. Cost for 2013 is \$28,100 and \$32,700 for 2014. Sheriff noted that \$28,100 was given back out of the 2013 proposed budget already. Aasen said that there is a private individual that will take down the tower at no cost. Once equipment has been removed then possibly the building could be taken down as well. Steinhoff presented a quote per Schreiners request. Suchla added that we still should have money left after all this. Request for a motion for yearly Maintenance for 2013 and 2014 out of the Bond. Motion by Miller seconded by Aasen. Motion carried 4-0

Whitehall Tower-Fence – Schreiner obtained a quote for the cost of a fence from Warranty Fence out of Osseo for an approximate cost of \$3,000. Schreiner would like to obtain another bid on the fence. He requested from Hayworth Fence in Eau Claire and Moe Fencing out of Holmen but has not heard back yet. Motion to table made by Suchla seconded by Reichwein. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Miller seconded by Reichwein to bring back to table. Motion carried 4-0. Motion to approve fence by Aasen seconded by Reichwein. Miller and Suchla suggested a large cement curb barrier possibly Highway Department could supply them. Motion was retracted. Motion by Reichwein seconded by Miller to postpone until next month. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns

Fill Vacant Deputy Sheriff (Patrol Position)-Sheriff Anderson advised that Deputy Roger Conrad will be retiring on October 26, 2012 and would like approval of Requisition to fill the vacancy out of current applicants. Motion by Miller and seconded by Reichwein. Motion carried 4-0

Discussion of Galesville Police Department & Patrol Coverage-Sheriff Anderson stated that Galesville Police Department will temporarily replace the vacant positions with their part-time staff. Sheriff stated that he would assist with coverage as needed during this phase until they become staffed, unless it was to become permanent, at which time, a contract would have to be drawn up with notable fees. Galesville PD has not made any decisions as of current date that the Sheriff is aware of.

Dissolution of Past Patrol Sergeant Position (Not Currently Filled)-Sheriff stated he has no intention of filling this position and is not included in the budget. Miller asked if that position is on the organizational chart and if becomes a new position would it have to be filled thru the normal hiring process. Motion was made by Suchla for dissolution of this position. Committee would like to check with Human Resources on this matter.

Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Jail

Inmate Video Conferencing Purchase – Motion by Reichwein seconded by Miller to postpone until next meeting. Motion carried 4-0

Reconstruction for Office Space Within Current Jail – Motion by Miller seconded by Reichwein to postpone until next meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Approval of Special Committee (to be Appointed by County Board Chair) to Study Moving the Dispatch Center to Second Floor – Suchla noted this would be too large of a study for our Committee to handle and asks for a motion to discuss putting a special committee in place. Motion by Miller seconded by Reichwein to open up discussion. Miller asked what the long term goal for this move would be. Suchla stated possibly close down our current jail and use out of county facilities or combine the Jail and Dispatch Center to help reduce the expense of overtime. Miller added that a long term goal is different than what was written in the agenda. Reichwein suggested hiring an outside firm for this study. Miller noted that if a long term study is performed it needs to include small suggestions up to building a new jail. A small discussion was brought up about Tom from Venture providing a drawing of adding a pod onto the current jail. Suchla asked that this discussion be put on next months agenda. Miller also stated the study group has to be open minded in order to conduct this study. Sheriff mentioned that closing down the jail would require a lot of studying on this topic as it would create a lot of problems. Miller added that the future of inmates coming in have a lot of mental health issues which are very complex and need to be included in this study. Reichwein asked how many people should be included on this Study Committee. Suchla suggested 5-7 people. Miller added a maximum of 9. Miller retracted motion made above. Would like this item to be added to next months agenda for an approval of a special committee to study corrections/dispatch center.

Automated High Water Warning System

Suchla asked if the information could be given to Arcadia Fire Department as well as others as needed. Suchla questioned if Schreiner was aware that the City of Arcadia was paying a maintenance fee. Schreiner said this is the first he had heard of such fee being charged. The data will be available at no cost to anyone wishing to receive it. All warning information will be notified by our Dispatch pending where the alarms are going off. Reichwein noted he has heard that people were not notified in time from the last flood. Suchla asked if the \$11,000 maintenance fee is paid to the county and then we have to pay someone else. Schreiner was not sure what this entailed. The City of Arcadia has agreed to pay for the maintenance for both the equipment and site. Suchla asked why we are in the middle of this. Schreiner responded because we have to own the flow meter now and not the USGS. The Federal Grant rules say a Federal Grant will not pay for federally owned equipment.

Rian Radtke & Detective Ronie McCray – Humane Officer Abatement Orders; Ordinance Designating Official to Review Abatement Orders

Radtke advised that Detective McCray handles any mistreated animal cases and would like to exercise the statute that gives her the power to issue an abatement order. A county official has to authorize or modify an abatement order. Radtke presented an Ordinance and a Resolution and asks the Committee to approve and send to the full County Board for their approval. Suchla requests the entire committee be the Officials appointed as is the setting for the Mean Dog Ordinance. Radtke added that the fine would be for \$326.50 for this Ordinance. Motion by Suchla seconded by Miller to approve ordinance

for entire Committee to be the appointed officials. Motion carried 4-0. Motion by Reichwein seconded by Aasen to approve dollar amount of fine. Motion carried 4-0.

Other Items

No other items.

Next Meeting Date/Time

The monthly Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on November 7th, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Tremple Room.

With no further discussion, Suchla adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, Law enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
Minutes by: Carol Ressler