

**Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
November 7, 2012**

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

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Brian Puent, Tom Poweleit (Venture Architects), Mike Thesing (Communication Services), Rian Radtke (2:35), Jami Kabus (4:25)

Meeting called to order at 2:33 pm by Suchla stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion made by Miller and seconded by Aasen to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Aasen and seconded by Miller to approve the October 3, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

Presentation of Jail Pod Design Proposal by Tom Poweleit-Venture Architects

Copies of the Concept Site Plan were passed out to the Committee members to view, and a proposed pricing quote with the base price and alternate price was presented (noted that if the County moves forward with a project they will forgo the accumulated costs of approximately \$80,000 they have incurred so far). Poweleit presented overview of proposed plan.

Committee members advised this should go to the Special Committee as part of Long Term Strategic Planning for Programs and Facilities for Law Enforcement in Trempealeau County.

Convene to Closed Session per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the County concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which the County is or is likely to become involved.

Motion by Aasen and seconded by Suchla to enter into closed session at 3:20 p.m. Roll call vote – Miller, yes; Aasen, yes; Femreite, yes; Reichwein, yes; Suchla, yes.

Reconvene Into Open Session Immediately Following Closed Session

**Motion by Reichwein and seconded by Miller to reconvene into open session at 4:00 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0**

No action taken during closed session.

Communications Project Update

Purchase of Video Cameras at Tower Sites (CO 20B) – Motion by Miller seconded by Suchla to approve Communications Service CO #20B for \$9,014.00. Motion carried 5-0

Communications Service Invoice #40874-Authorization to Pay – Motion by Miller seconded by Femreite to approve. Suchla advised that the contract did state information about a decibel loss and should be paid by Communications Services. Suchla noted he would agree to pay CO #16 for \$21,449.00, however, would like Rian Radtke to review the contract in depth. Committee advised they thought CO #14 and #16 were already approved to pay. Motion by Reichwein seconded by Suchla to table until next meeting.

Motion carried 5-0

Authorization/Approval for Removal of Counties old Radio Tower located behind the Courthouse – Miller advised the party that will be removing the Tower needs to show proof of Bonding. Aasen will contact the party and find out if they are bonded. Thesing stated that there are four antennas that should be salvageable and that whoever removes the tower should carefully remove the antennas for future possible use of the county. The wires can be scrapped. Paving will be done after the tower has been removed. Also noted there is one piece of equipment in the shack that has to be removed first. Motion by Suchla seconded by Miller to remove tower. Motion carried 5-0

Whitehall Tower-Fence Proposal from Warranty Fence – Motion by Miller seconded by Femreite to open for discussion. Motion carried 5-0. Committee advised fence should not be put up until paving has been completed. Questions asked about why 24 feet out. Motion to table by Reichwein seconded by Femreite. Original motion dropped by Femreite. Motion carried 5-0.

HMGP-Automated High Water Warning System

Request Approval of Resolution – Presented by Chief Deputy Puent in absence of Dan Schreiner. The County has applied for and been awarded a grant from FEMA for an Automated High-Water Warning System project which would provide advance warning to the public as to when flooding in the Trempealeau River watershed may occur. Pursuant to the terms of the grant the County would pay for the project which will cost \$139,548.00, but FEMA will reimburse the County 75% (\$104,661.00) and WEM will reimburse the County 12.5% (\$17,443.50) of the total project cost, leaving the County to be responsible for the remaining 12.5% of the total cost of the project (\$17,443.50). Motion by Reichwein seconded by Femreite. Motion carried 5-0.

Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns

Request to Fill Receptionist Position – Requisition – Motion to approve hire by Reichwein seconded by Suchla for discussion. Jami Kabus presented requisition to the Committee. Motion carried 5-0

Damaged Uniform Replacement Cost-Requests Approval- Motion by Reichwein seconded by Suchla to approve payment for new Deputy pants. Motion carried 5-0

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers- None

Discussion of General Operations-Sheriff Anderson presented letter from County Mutual Insurance congratulating the Sheriffs Office for having no claims for 2011.

Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Jail

Inmate Video Conferencing Purchase – Motion by Suchla seconded by Reichwein to table until next meeting. Motion carried 5-0

Reconstruction for Office Space Within Current Jail – Motion by Suchla seconded by Femreite to table until next meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Special Committee (to be Appointed by County Board Chair) for Long Term Strategic Planning for Programs and Facilities for Law Enforcement in Trempealeau County – Motion by Suchla seconded by Femreite for the members of the Special Committee to include a maximum of 9 members consisting of 5 Board Members (Law Enforcement (2), Executive Finance (2), and (1) Property who will look into the study of Jail expansion and moving Dispatch. This will be forwarded to Ernie Vold as a recommendation. Miller advised this committee should look at where and how a new Jail would produce savings and also where it should be located within the County. Motion carried 5-0

Other Items

No other items.

Next Meeting Date/Time

The monthly Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on December 5th, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Treplo Room

With no further discussion, Suchla adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Olin Femreite

Secretary, Law enforcement/Emergency Management Committee

Minutes by: Carol Ressler