

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
December 5, 2012

Members Present: David Suchla, John Aasen, Olin Femreite

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Brian Puent, Lt. Harlan Reinders, Det. Paul Loesel, Dan Schreiner (3:45), Steve Dubberstein (Communication Services Inc), Dave Steinhoff (Communication Services Inc)

Meeting called to order at 2:32 pm by Suchla stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion made by Femreite and seconded by Aasen to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Aasen and seconded by Femreite to approve the November 7, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Jail

Sheriff stated Jail interviews were being held and will narrow the selection to the top six to eight possible candidates.

Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns

Request to Fill Detective Position by Promotion – Sheriff advised that Detective Steve Jelen will be retiring on December 20, 2012 and would like to fill the position by promotion of a Deputy. Motion by Suchla, seconded by Aasen, to approve filling Detective Position. Motion carried 3-0

Request to Fill Vacant Deputy Position due to Promotion – Sheriff requested to fill vacant position due to the Promotion of Deputy to Detective. Aasen questioned if there was a real need to fill the deputy position. Sheriff explained currently we are short-handed due to staff on Workman's Compensation, extended sick time, and filling shifts for vacations/holiday. Sheriff stated we will be taking over the DARE Program in Osseo and the District Attorney's Office is inquiring of more coverage of Law Enforcement within the Court System. Suchla noted the District Attorney's Office came to the Executive Finance meeting concerning their request for more security within the Courthouse. Lt Reinders stated it would have to be discussed as to what measures could be implemented at a low cost to the county in order to reduce the likelihood of casualties happening. Suchla asked to have this item placed on the agenda for next meeting. Motion by Suchla, seconded by Aasen, to fill Deputy Position. Motion carried 3-0.

Femreite stated he was very impressed with the Drug Court graduation ceremony. He was left with a good feeling knowing citizens are being helped through the Drug Court process.

Purchase of Copier Machine – Cost for a new copier is approximately \$5400.00. Sheriff stated the copy machine in the Jail is much older, so we would utilize our old one in the Jail to replace the current one they have now. Suchla stated it's up to the Sheriff as it's his Budget.

Transfer of Monies from 2012 Sheriff Administration Account to Sheriff's Vehicle Non-Lapsing Fund Account – Sheriff advised he estimated the amount may be up to \$35,000. Motion made by Aasen seconded by Femreite to approve. Motion carried 3-0.

Purchase of Emergency Responders Team Equipment – Chief Deputy Puent demonstrated to the Committee a Tactical Robot Surveillance Tool. Monies to be taken out of Sheriff's Support Services-Radio Account. Motion made by Aasen seconded by Femreite to approve. Motion carried 3-0.

Purchase/Leasing K-9 Dog – Sheriff advised our K-9 Dog (Shawnee) was put to sleep due to mass gross tumors that were incurable. Bachbett Kennels would like to work with us on leasing a dog to staff our K-9 unit for a fee of \$1.00/year. Sheriff is working with Cathy of Bachbett Kennels on an agreement contract of which will be reviewed by Corporation Counsel.

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers – Will add an itemized list of payments to vendors and RCU Visa charges.

Discussion of General Operations – A thank you to all who donated gifts, monies, and time to help make our Christmas Is For Kids 2012 program a success. Because of your generosity we were able to provide 102 families with 263 children a brighter Christmas.

Communications Project Update

Trempealeau County-Wide Simulcast VHF Radio System – CO #18, #19, #20B-Schreiner advised there was some confusion on our part that the change orders were already voted and approved to pay. Suchla said yes they were. Schreiner advised he will submit them for payment then. Motion made by Suchla seconded by Femreite to approve to pay. Motion carried 3-0.

Change Order #14 & #16 – Dodge Repeater. Schreiner requested clarification from the committee as to the payment approval status. Suchla advised he was still questioning the decibel loss and asked Rian Radtke to review the contract again. Schreiner advised that Dodge seems to be happy and if there were any issues he would need specific information stating this and has not heard anything back yet. Motion to pay pending approval by Radtke made by Suchla seconded by Aasen. Motion carried 3-0

HMGP-Automated High Water Warning System

Schreiner advised that he and Rian Radtke will formulate and publish the request for proposals. Schreiner would like to be able to accept a bid on this project at the February meeting.

Other Items

No other items.

Next Meeting Date/Time

The monthly Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on January 23, 2012 at 2:30 p.m. in the Tremple Room.

With no further discussion, Suchla adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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