

**Minutes**  
**Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee**  
**May 22, 2013**

Members Present: Dick Miller (2:32), Dave Suchla, Rob Reichwein (2:34), John Aasen

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Lt Tonya Niederkorn, Dan Schreiner, Taavi McMahon, Jeff McIntyre (2:32), Rian Radtke (2:45)

Meeting called to order at 2:32 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 3-0.

Motion by Aasen and seconded by Miller to approve the April 16, 2013 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Taavi McMahon-Approved Proposal for Court Security**

District Attorney McMahon distributed to the committee members a copy of a Security/Weapons Screening Proposal whereby the mission is to protect all employees of Trempealeau County and the public from anyone who may wish to enter the building with a dangerous weapon. There are several steps that would need to be taken in order to achieve this aim. Discussion was brought up as to what would be the best location for entrance and exit into the Courthouse. Sheriff stated entrance would have to be secured by part-time personnel that already have the training knowledge required. Sheriff added there have been several other departments besides the District Attorney's Office that have echoed their concerns for their safety and security. Suchla commented that no way in hell will we ever get the part-time positions to not increase to full-time status which would cost the county more monies. Sheriff said each part-time person would be under 400 to 500 hours each year. Discussion was brought up in regards to the parking areas as well as Miller stated that most people use the front of the building and the back parking area is not utilized; if entrance is gained from the back of the building would there be adequate parking area. Reichwein asked who would be funding this project. McMahon asked for a motion to approve the proposal. Reichwein asked what kind of motion is needed if a motion is even made as Property Committee may be the ones to say what is to be done. Miller made a motion to continue studying this and to form a subcommittee consisting of 2 members from Law Enforcement, 2 from Property and 2 members from Personnel Bargaining. Reichwein and Aasen will be on the subcommittee from Law Enforcement. McMahon noted concerns about the time spend for this subcommittee and would ask that this move quickly and stated concerns that it would be very risky to delay this and asks not to approve this motion to form a subcommittee and to instead approve his proposal that he presented. Suchla stated there are too many unknowns right now. McIntyre agreed it was a good idea to form a subcommittee and requests that a friendly motion to have the subcommittee present a report at a specific date in time. Suchla motioned to close. Motion carried 4-0.

**Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns**

Rian Radtke-Approval of Televising Law Enforcement Committee Meetings – Radtke stated that the UW Extension have created a policy to this and indicated that they would have to agree to televise the meetings in order to staff appropriately and that the committee would have to agree to be televised. Radtke asked if Law Enforcement Committee wanted their meetings to be televised. Motion made by Reichwein not to televise the meetings, seconded by Aasen. Suchla stated if the committees previously would have all been televised than all the lies would have been out in the open in the first place and so

he is for televising these meetings. Miller stated that he is uneasy and is afraid of what and how people would interpret things. Suchla said then we should fear the public when they read the minutes as well. Miller added that some people are not comfortable talking in front of cameras and feels there would possibly more input from all members if there were no cameras. Suchla stated Aasen remained silent. Motion carried 2-1.

Removal of Whitehall Tower – Schreiner stated that Advanced Tower out of Pittsville would be able to remove the tower in one day and will contact them for another estimate as original estimate of what he remembers as \$1500 may have just been for time for their crew to be on site. Sheriff asked if the Highway Department would be able to remove the tower. Miller said no. Reichwein asked where the monies would come from for this project. Motion by Miller for Schreiner to obtain two quotes for the price of the removal of the tower by next meeting, seconded by Reichwein. Motion carried 4-0.

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers – Suchla asked what was included on the purchase of washer fluid, Sheriff stated large bucket of soap. Suchla asked why Sgt Oates was paid a reimbursement for a meal; Carol Ressler stated he attended training. Suchla also questioned Visa charges that included tips; Ressler responded that the employees all paid back the monies that were added as a tip.

#### **Discussion of General Operations – No items discussed.**

#### **Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Jail and Department**

Jail Repairs and Remodel - Lt. Niederkorn gave each committee member a copy of a list of Jail Repairs and Jail Remodel concerns that still have not been completed. Sheriff stated that Lt. Niederkorn brought these to his attention and requests that the committee acts on the issues in a timely manner. Mentioned as concerns were jail locks, plumbing and HVAC issues, timely overall maintenance as needs for repairs. Noted as remodel concerns were the Booking area, Main Control, Locker Rooms, Office Space, Program Space, Storage, Nurse/Exam Room, Visitation, Court Access, ADA/Special Needs (American Disability Act), Laundry Room and a few other concerns. Sheriff asked if any monies would be allocated from Property and Suchla said the monies would come out of Jail Repair fund of approximately \$31,000. Sheriff added that he still would like to use the monies set aside for the Video Conferencing Project. Suchla stated there are monies in the Jail Assessment Account as well.

Crisis Care & DOC 350 Changes - Niederkorn stated that there is a requirement for face to face crisis care and this requirement requires a person on sight. Currently we are contracted with Tara Farmer from the Health Care Center; however, we need backup for her as she cannot be available 365 days a year. Northwest Connections does not do face to face contact. Niederkorn also advised the DOC 350 coeds are revamping requiring changes to almost every policy currently in place noting a few changes in the mandated training, mental health issues, food service and healthcare changes. These changes will be implemented within the next couple of months.

Annual Jail Inspection – A report will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Sheriff advised that we will no longer be able to double bunk and will be down to 30 beds as the County has no plans for remodeling the jail facility. Suchla stated the Department of Corrections has cost the State billions and this county millions of dollars; we should pass a resolution thru the full County Board demanding the State dissolve this department, then the jail inspector would have his ass fired. A comment was made, you don't like the guy do you, Suchla responded, no, he doesn't do his job when he came in and did the last jail inspection. It was a copy of the previous year's inspection. Femreite and Aasen know it because after the meeting I (Suchla) pointed out the things he missed. It was forgotten what the item was but Suchla thought it was mold in the jail, which had been previously repaired. At that time, Niederkorn stated we still have mold in the showers. Suchla stated it doesn't matter what it was. It was very evident the man was not in the jail and doesn't do his job. Let's move on to the next item.

## **Emergency Management**

High Water Warning System – Schreiner advised a bid came in at \$11,000 above the grant amount, however, there is a good chance that more monies will be available thru FEMA. An application for an amendment to the budget has already been submitted to FEMA. Roxanne Gray from the State is very optimistic about the additional monies. The amended budget application is for an additional \$35,446 of which the County cost would be 12 ½ percent equivalents to \$4,431, Federal share would be \$26,585 and the state and county would split the remaining amount. Reichwein asked how many cities, villages or municipalities are assisting in paying; Schreiner stated Arcadia did agree to contribute \$11,500 for the USGS in the system. Schreiner stated that timing is the issue here and the lone bidder price is only good until the end of June 2013; requests to ask monies from other cities, villages or municipalities should have been suggested at the beginning stages instead of waiting to ask at this time. Suchla motioned to send this off to Executive Finance for additional funds, seconded by Reichwein. Motion carried 3-1. Radtke requested to recommend to the full board to go ahead with addition bid and then do change orders of the original contract.

**Review Engineering estimate to raise pump house and well head on county owned property: Radtke advised estimate from SEH came back at \$60,900 to cover all costs associated with this which was higher than expected.**

*Convene to Closed Session per Wis. Stat § 19.85 (1)(e) to discuss negotiation strategies to resolve share of costs relating to a well and pump house on county property, requiring a closed session.*

**Motion by Aasen and seconded by Reichwein to enter into closed session at 4:31 pm. Roll call vote – Suchla, yes; Reichwein, yes, Miller, yes; Aasen, yes.**

*Reconvene Into Open Session Immediately Following Closed Session*

**Motion by Suchla and seconded by Aasen to reconvene into open sessions at 4:57 pm. Roll call vote – Suchla, yes; Reichwein, yes; Miller, yes; Aasen, yes. 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 June 19, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. in the Wisconsin Room.

With no further discussion, motion by Suchla, seconded by Reichwein to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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