

**Minutes**  
**Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee**  
**May 21, 2014**

Members Present: Rob Reichwein, John Aasen, Richard Frey

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Lt. Tonya Niederkorn, Deb Suchla, Rian Radtke (2:35 p.m.), Dan Schreiner (2:37 p.m.)

Meeting called to order at 2:31 p.m. by Aasen stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion made by Reichwein and seconded by Frey to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Reichwein and seconded by Aasen to approve the April 28, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Deb Suchla-Human Services Director**

Suchla handed out a registration form to the Committee Members for an invitation to attend a WCA Educational Seminar Entitled "Treatment, Alternatives and Diversion Programs In Your County" held in Stevens Point, WI on June 23, 2014. Registration fee is \$65/person and if no monies are available for County Board Members training within County Budget, the cost for registration only could be absorbed from the Grant money received. Suchla advised that the registration deadline is June 13, 2014 so please let her know if any Committee Members are interested in attending.

Suchla handed out a copy of the Press Release regarding Trempealeau County Recovery Court Receiving Grant of \$58,000 for Treatment Alternative Program. There were 36 applications and grants were given to 13 counties. The funds will be used by the Recovery Court to expand drug treatment options and to provide for better options for offenders suffering from mental illness. An Opiate Court system will be implemented in the latter part of this year funded by the Grant.

**Dick Frey- Domestic Animal Control – Resolution**

Frey has received many calls from neighbors regarding this concern and asked if the County could implement an Ordinance that would be enforceable for the County. Sheriff advised he does not foresee an Ordinance for this on the County level as Town Clerks/Chairman's currently can adapt on Ordinance on their own as they see fit, and by Ordinance can delegate the Town Chairman/Clerk or whoever they desire within the Town Board or employees to enforce the ordinance but should be looked at by there Attorney. Sheriff advised that he would be willing to help the towns out if needed on an assistance level.

**Emergency Management/Dispatch**

Steve Dubberstein-CSI: Schreiner asked to table this item until next meeting.

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

Sheriff requests approval from the Committee to remove old paint and apply new paint in the Jail area which includes but not limited to; cell blocks, gates, benches, walls up to ceiling, floors, bunks, application of two coats and the stripping of the old paint. This is a project that is well over due and needs attention. Inmates have pealed chips of paint and made forms of weapons. The Sheriff advised \$100,000 would be the high end cost to complete this project. Radtke explained with any remodel/repair under State Statute if cost is over \$25,000 than it must go thru the formal bid process which the bid would be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. It was discussed whether a Consultant should be hired for this project and the value of the Consultant. Niederkorn and Radtke will see if an RFP has already been created and will bring back to the meeting next month.

Update Jail Repairs Priority and Action Needed - Niederkorn passed out a Jail Maintenance Issues sheet to the Committee Members which highlighted the ongoing repairs needed. Included were but not limited too, plumbing issues, loose concrete in the outside rec area, ventilation system in the laundry room, and the intercom system. Sheriff advised some of these repair needs have been ongoing since last year and need to be addressed in order to maintain the Jail facility we have today.

2013 Jail Inspection Report Review – Niederkorn distributed to the Committee a copy of the Annual Inspection dated May 2, 2013 Report by the State of WI Department of Corrections for their review.

Overview - Inmate Worker Program & Garden Project – Niederkorn advised that the inmates per State Statute can earn 1 day off of their sentence for every 24 hours worked. There have been positive comments from Courthouse staff and also the Humane Society where the inmates have performed hours of work. A Garden Project has also been implemented and coordinated by Correctional Officer Sarah Matchey. The garden will be worked by inmates, patients at the Trempealeau Health Care Center and Court ordered Community Service offenders. The produce from the garden will be used as possible food for the inmates/patients at HCC and donated to the Food Pantry.

Discussion – Jail Alternative Programs - Some of the Alternative Programs are Community Service, Misdemeanor Diversion, Recovery Court, Domestic Violence Court, Electronic Monitoring Program, Inmate Worker Program and Payment Plans.

## **Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns**

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers – None

Discussion of General Operations – None

No other items.

## **Next Meeting Date/Time**

June 18, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. – Wisconsin Room

With no further discussion, Aasen adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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