

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
October 15, 2014

Members Present: John Aasen, Richard Frey, Jon Schultz (2:45 p.m.), Olin Femreite (2:53 p.m.)

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Rian Radtke (2:37 p.m./3:20 p.m.), Sgt. Dan Crandall, Chief Deputy Brian Puent (2:55 p.m.), Lt. Wayne Dahl (3:05 p.m.), Kirk Gunderson, Mayo Representative

Meeting called to order at 2:46 p.m. by Aasen stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion made by Frey and seconded by Schultz to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Aasen and seconded by Frey to approve the September 17, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Emergency Management/Dispatch

Appearance by Kirk Gunderson Representing Mayo-Paging Issues

Gunderson advised Mayo is undergoing a huge integration push with Osseo and Barron ambulance transitioning into Gold Cross. This will involve a centralized dispatch center into Rochester. As of Jan 1, 2015 Osseo Ambulance will be operated by Gold Cross with an upgrade level of service and running at a Paramedic level. This change will allow for more support than they are currently operating at. Mayo will have equipment on their campus in Osseo that would transfer 911 calls for Osseo to Trempealeau County Dispatch who will page out as normal; Rochester center will acknowledge the page, verify the address, echo back and will then take the call from this point. The County will incur zero costs for this change to happen. All costs incurred will be covered by Gold Cross. Gunderson advised that their dispatch will track the calls and Trempealeau County Dispatch is relieved of the call. Motion by Frey to add Mayo's number to Trempealeau County Dispatch's system, seconded by Femreite. Motion carried 4-0.

Revision of Trempealeau County Emergency Management Ordinance

Radtke advised the Ordinance has now been brought up to date regarding changes to Statutes 166 changed to 323 along with the signature name page. Numerical changes within the Statutes were the biggest change updated along with some minor grammatical errors. Motion by Aasen to approve and send to full County Board, seconded by Frey. Motion carried 4-0.

Review of Continuity of Government Ordinance-Consideration of Repealing/Revising Ordinance

This Ordinance was enacted in 1962 as a Civil Defense ordinance. Radtke asked the Committee to either repeal or revise. According to nationwide statements, this type of Ordinance was requested by local governments at that time in order to make people feel like they were prepared in case of an attack, in essence allowing the people to relax. Motion by Femreite to repeal this Ordinance, seconded by Schultz. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Jail & Department

Sheriff advised the Committee the painting project in the Jail is scheduled to begin the first of November and completed in early January. Cell blocks will be completed one at a time allowing for minimal transporting of inmates.

Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns

Resignation of Chief Deputy – Request to Fill Position

Sheriff advised Chief Deputy Puent submitted his resignation letter and commended him for being a good leader for the Sheriff's Office. Being this position is currently in existence and included in the budget, Sheriff would like to begin the process of filling the vacancy. Puent's last day will be November 7, 2014. Motion by Frey to fill the Chief Deputy position and any other position that becomes available caused by promotions to fill the Chief Deputy position, seconded by Femreite. Motion carried 4-0.

Ordinance-Fee for Firearm Surrender Storage

Sheriff advised there have been changes in the laws for Domestic Violence violations which includes Court Ordered Surrender of Firearms when an Injunction has been granted. As of November 1, 2014 all Court Ordered Firearms surrendered will either by turned over to an appointed/approved by the Court third party or if no third party available then the Sheriff's Office will have to accept the surrendered firearms. There comes a cost with the reasonable care and storage of the surrendered firearms. Some counties are charging a fee per gun per month for this mandated storage. Data is currently being collected from the counties that have an Ordinance for this fee and once the documents are obtained, discussion will take place with Corporate Council Radtke to draft an Ordinance for Trempealeau County. No action from the Committee at this time.

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers

None.

Discussion of General Operations

None

No other items.

Next Meeting Date/Time

November 12, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. – Packer Room

With no further discussion, Aasen adjourned the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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