

**Minutes**  
**Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee**  
**February 10, 2016 – 2:30 p.m.**

Members Present: John Aasen, Richard Frey, Jon Schultz (2:38 p.m.), Olin Femreite

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Lt. Dan Schreiner, Lt. Tonya Niederkorn

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

Motion by Femreite and seconded by Aasen to approve the December 9, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

**Dick Frey – FEMA Trailers, Dispatch, HVAC (Jeremy Matheny)**

Schreiner advised the committee that he checked with WIFEMA and there are no trailers in District 5 that are readily available. Schreiner was referred to an agency in Waunakee and they too had no trailers available. Using a trailer as a temporary spot for Dispatch until the Dispatch can be moved from the basement would cause an issue in cost of security. Employees working in the current Dispatch area are still getting ill.

Schreiner requested the committee to elevate the priority for the removing or repairing the cast plumbing in the basement; replacing it in its entirety. Leakage of human waste has leaked through the pipes multiple times putting the employees at harms way for health issues.

Matheny talked with the committee informing them that a stand-alone HVAC unit could be installed in Dispatch area as a temporary fix for the cost of \$34,000. Sheriff advised once the decision has been made as where Dispatch would be relocated, the stand alone HVAC unit could be utilized within the Sheriff's Office evidence area which currently does not have the proper air quality/circulation/temperature. Motion to proceed with the installation of the HVAC Unit in Dispatch area and send to Property Committee was made by Aasen seconded by Femreite. Motion carried 4-0.

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

***Improved Re-Entry Education (IRE) Grant***

Niederkorn advised the committee she was approached by Western WI Technical College to see if we would be willing to partner with them in the sharing of a grant totaling \$1,000,000. This grant would be shared with the counties of La Crosse and Monroe to assist inmates upon release in obtaining a GED, job placement or further education and training within the Tech College. Books would be donated to help the inmates study for testing and money for possible transportation to get to the testing sites for a GED. Another person was willing to reach out to the local businesses to talk with employers to encourage them to hire inmates upon release. This program has no cost to the county. The program will also be working with the Spanish populations teaching the English language and teaching people who are illiterate. Niederkorn stated the Tech College has currently been working with La Crosse County for approximately two and half years with good results.

**Discussion of Monthly Department Activities/Concerns**

### ***Squad Vehicle Purchases***

Sheriff would like to order two Ford Explorers and two Ford Taurus' for total of \$84,492 which includes trade in allowances. Explorers would cost \$21,407 each and the Taurus' price would be \$28,199 each. Motion by Femreite seconded by Shultz to approved the purchase of four squads. Motion carried 4-0.

### ***Discussion on Non-Represented Wage Scale***

Sheriff advised that the study of wages by Wipli conducted in the past two years is creating some employee issues within the office. Employees hired at the Probationary rate have expected to rise a year later to the rate of pay the current employees in that position are earning. Sheriff passed out a Proposed Wage Increase Schedule that would put into place over a span of 7 years steps to allow the employee to reach the top pay that other employees were making plus any increases given by the County. This information will be brought forward to Personnel Bargaining Committee.

### ***Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers***

None.

### ***Discussion of General Operations***

None

No other items.

### **Next Meeting Date/Time**

March 30, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – Packer 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