

**Minutes**  
**Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee**  
**August 25, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.**

Members Present: Richard Frey, Olin Fimreite, Ernie Vold

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Michelle Weisenberger, Nancy Knudtson, Bonnie Kindschy (10:23 a.m.), Chief Deputy Harlan Reinders (10:30 a.m.)

Meeting called to order at 9:09 a.m. by Frey stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion made by Fimreite seconded by Vold to approve the agenda as posted.

Motion by Fimreite and seconded by Vold to approve the June, 14, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Fimreite, seconded by Vold to change the names on an item in the May 2, 2016 minutes. Election of Officers, first paragraph, third sentence should have started with Britzius and not Frey. Motion carried 3-0.

**Dick Frey – Medical Waste Situation/Solution**

The firm that provides the removal of medical waste has increased their prices. Sheriff advised that there is not a lot of waste collected from our squad cars and minimal within the Jail. Frey advised topic was discussed, no action required.

**Michelle Weisenberger – Clerk of Courts 2017 Proposed Budget Review**

Weisenberger presented the 2017 proposed budget to the Committee advising no overall big line item changes. Weisenberger informed the Committee that newly appointed Judge Feltes has officially began his office. The Clerk of Courts will hopefully be implementing E-Filing around the first of the year, 2017 which was mandated by the State as of July 1, 2016. The State will be working and assisting counties during this transition period. Pro Se submitted documents will still be accepted in the paper form as well.

Motion by Fimreite, seconded by Vold, to approve Clerk of Courts 2017 Budget and forward to Executive Finance. Motion carried 3-0.

**Bonnie Kindschy – Coroner’s 2017 Proposed Budget Review**

Kindschy presented the Coroner’s 2017 Proposed Budget to the committee. Motion by Vold, seconded by Fimreite to approve and forward to Executive Finance. Motion carried 3-0.

**Taavi McMahon - District Attorney 2017 Proposed Budget Review**

Nancy Knutson presented the 2017 Proposed Budget to the Committee. Motion by Vold, seconded by Fimreite to approve the District Attorney’s Office 2017 Budget and forward to Executive Finance. Motion carried 3-0.

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

***Sand Bagging – Responsibility of Distribution and Payment*** – Sheriff asked the Committee who should be responsible for supplying and purchasing sandbags for the cities, villages and townships during an emergency flooding disaster. Dan Schreiner, Director of Emergency Management, checked with other counties and reported that Buffalo County stores and charges, La Crosse and Eau Claire County also pay for and distributes the sandbags. Sheriff advised that during the last flooding bags were distributed to Eleva, Osseo, Independence and the Town of Hale and never charged out for them. The cost for 10,000 sandbags is \$1750.00. There should be a total of 20,000 sandbags on hand, so would need to purchase an additional 10,000 bags. Frey stated this cost should come out of the Undesignated Fund account, which has money available for natural disasters should they occur. Frey advised this should not be an expense paid from the Sheriff's budget. Motion by Frey, seconded by Fimreite, to take to Executive Finance to approve the purchase of an additional 10,000 sandbags and to pay for the total of 20,000 bags at a cost of \$3500.00. Motion carried 3-0.

***2017 Proposed Budget Review*** – Sheriff presented the 2017 Proposed Budget to the Committee. Motion by Vold, seconded by Fimreite to approve and forward the 2017 Proposed Budget to Executive Finance. Motion carried 3-0.

For record purposes, Chief Deputy Reinders presented a Trempealeau County Project Initiation Form for the hiring of one additional position that is currently not in our present Budget plan. There is a serious increase in the use of drugs, especially Methamphetamine, within our County. We are currently ranked #7 in Submissions to the State Crime Lab and Trempealeau County is surrounded by counties who are also in the top area of ranges for State Crime Lab submittals (Buffalo, Eau Claire, Jackson and La Crosse). This position will allow us to work side by side with Human Services to ensure the safety of the children in our county who are endangered by parents/caretakers using drugs. Motion by Fimreite, seconded by Vold to approve the Projection Initiation Form for the hiring of one position in the Sheriff's Office and to forward to the Executive Finance Committee. Motion carried 3-0.

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

None.

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

None.

No other items.

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

September 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m. – Packer Room

With no further discussion, Frey adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Miller  
Secretary, Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee

Minutes by: Carol Ressler