

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
September 22, 2016 – 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Richard Frey, Olin Fimreite, Ernie Vold

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson, Chief Deputy Harlan Reinders, Renee Lyon, Dan Schreiner (9:09 am – 9:50 am), Rian Radtke (9:25 am – 9:50 am)

Meeting called to order at 9:05 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 with the exception of striking item #9 – Sand Bagging. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Vold and seconded by Fimreite to approve the August 25, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

Election of Vice President

Frey opened for nominations for Vice President. Fimreite nominated Vold. Frey asked three times for any other nominations; hearing none, Frey closed the nominations for the Vice President position. Motion by Fimreite, seconded by Frey in favor for Vold as Vice President.

Renee Lyon – Child Support 2017 Proposed Budget Review

Lyon presented the 2017 proposed budget to the committee, noting a few differences. Health Insurance will go down due to an employee declining the County plan, reduction in photo copies, bureau vital statistics fees, and publications/legal notices. Increase in the Outlay account due to the request for monies needed for seven headsets/phone units for the staff and stand up work stations. Noted the bottom line number is not the exact figure as still waiting on three revenue accounts. Lyon advised will submit revised budget as soon as the numbers become available. Motion to approve budget and move to Executive Finance by Vold, seconded by Fimreite. Motion carried 3-0.

Dan Schreiner – US Cellular Tower Galesville

Currently seven towers are being used, six of which are rented from US Cellular. The tower located south of Galesville will be torn down and replaced with a new tower close to that vicinity. This project will be completed in 2017. Once the new tower has been built, we need to remove our equipment from the old tower and install onto the new tower. US Cellular did provide us an estimate from the vendor Vertical Limit, however, we are not bound by this particular vendor. Schreiner recommended using Communications Service out of Wisconsin who we currently do business on a regular basis with and have maintenance agreements with them as well. This project will also include extending the ice bridge. Our shed can remain where it currently is located. Sheriff recommended to Schreiner to obtain a quote from Communications Service. Radtke advised the installation of communication works is not subject to the private bidding law. Schreiner advised should be receiving a quote prior to next month's meeting. This item will be placed on the October's meeting agenda.

Dan Schreiner – CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) – Flooding 08.11.16

Emergency Management and Corporation Counsel discussed the Community Development Block Grant EAP and due to time constraints and questions about eligible losses within the County, the decision was made not to apply for the grant.

Additional Positions – Sheriff’s Office & Human Services

Sheriff reiterated the need for the approval in the 2017 Budget for a new Investigator Position with the emphasis on the DEC (Drug Endangered Children) Program. Drug investigations involving children have increased and requires the need for a special team for this type of investigation. The Sheriff’s Office is assisting the municipalities in working these cases and reaching out to the schools to educate the community in hopes of being proactive in this approach. Reinders would like the County Board to remember that the Strategic Plan went out to the people the Sheriff’s Office serve and the information obtained was, that we as an office, were one of the two top priorities the citizens of this county needed; protection of the people and highway/road crew. With that being said, the Sheriff’s Office must not fail the people in this county. If Law Enforcement ranks as one of the top priorities with the community we have an obligation to fulfill the needs of this community based on several surveys returned by the citizens. Members of the Law Enforcement committee will be attending the Budget hearings of the Sheriff’s Office and Human Services in support of filling the two positions requested.

Discussion of Monthly Issues and Concerns in Department & Jail

Jeremy Matheny – Approval of Jail Repairs to send to Executive Finance – Frey advised that Matheny presented approximately \$430,000 for repairs needed to the Jail including locks on all the doors. Sheriff mentioned this was on the agenda a few years ago, two employees were sent to school/training to learn on how to work on the old locks which has allowed us to just get by, but knew at some point a new system would need to be installed. Sheriff advised the new Jail Inspector stated we need to install new video cameras in the Jail and this must be considered a priority. Matheny was looking into cameras to be installed in the entire Courthouse. The HCC may have parts for us to use temporality for our current system.

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers

None.

Discussion of General Operations

Sheriff mentioned we have had a couple warrants out of county including transport of an inmate from Nevada in which we contracted with the US Justice Marshalls and another inmate transported from Ohio. We were considered the victim of the inmate from Ohio and have filed for restitution with the Court for the transport fees of both cases.

ProPhoneix Software – will be going live on October 4th, 2016.

No other items.

Next Meeting Date/Time

October 27, 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