

Minutes
Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee
March 17, 2010

Members present: Geraldine VanTassel, Deloras Vind, Paul Halderson and John Bortle (9:34 a.m.).

Also present: Sheriff Richard Anderson and Jail Administrator Tonya Niederkorn.

The meeting was called to order by Van Tassel at 9:30 a.m. stating proper posting and notification has met open meeting requirements. Motion by Halderson and seconded by Vind. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Halderson and seconded by Vind to accept the February 16, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.

Squad Car Bid Opening

Sheriff Anderson advised that the department budgeted for five squad cars this year. Three of the vehicles would be for patrol deputies (marked) and two would be unmarked squads (one for Chief Deputy and one for a Sergeant).

The committee opened and reviewed the following bids as submitted from Arcadia Motors, Osseo Ford, and Ewald Motors.

Arcadia Motors – Dodge Charger (Police Package – Marked) \$21,570.00

Arcadia Motors – Dodge Charger (Police Package – Unmarked) \$21,913.00

Osseo Ford – Ford Crown Victoria (Police Packaged – Marked) \$22,088.50

Ewald Motors – Dodge Charger (Police Package – Marked) \$20,597.00

Ewald Motors – Dodge Charger (Police Package – Unmarked) \$20,892.00

Sheriff Anderson advised one of the marked squads will be issued to Deputy Gibbons. Deputy Gibbons would prefer a Ford Crown Victoria, which would fit him better. Sheriff Anderson further advised that if a Ford Crown Victoria is purchased for Deputy Gibbons it would be possible to re-use some of the lights in his current squad, which would result in a savings.

The committee advised that they would prefer to purchase all vehicles locally but there is just too much of a price difference on the bids that were submitted.

Motion by Halderson and seconded by Bortle to accept the bid from Osseo Ford for the purchase of one Ford Crown Victoria at the cost of \$22,088.50 and two accept the bid from Ewald Motors for the purchase of two Dodge Chargers (Police Package – Marked) at the cost of \$20,597.00 each and two Dodge Chargers (Police Package – Unmarked) at the cost of \$20,892.00 each. Motion carried 4-0.

Jail Addresses

Lt. Niederkorn provided committee members with medical and mental health statistics prepared by the Jail Nurse for a portion of January and the month of February. The Crisis Worker is assisting with in-service training for jail, patrol and investigative staff.

Lt. Niederkorn advised that the population was down last month but it has started going up again. The new OWI law has been passed by legislation which would impact the county jail population. The release of inmates from state prison could also have an impact on the county jail population.

The committee was updated on the jail repairs that were identified in the county's budget. Lt. Niederkorn advised at this time the only project that has been completed are the outside window updates.

Electronic Monitoring and Jail Census

Trempealeau County Average Jail Population = 27.82

Average Out-of-County Jail Population = 17.54

Average Electronic Monitoring Population = 6.39

Total Average Jail Population = 51.75

Discussion of General Operations

Sheriff Anderson advised that during the next three weeks patrol, investigative and jail staff will be completed the required 24-recertification training. The dispatch staff will also be completing 8-hours of the in-house training session. Sheriff Anderson advised that this training is being provided in-house through the use of employees who are certified to provide the training and outside resources, such as the Crisis Worker.

Sheriff Anderson further advised that the Policy and Procedure manual has been revised and printed. Review of the Policy and Procedure manual is also an 8-hour portion of the in-service training.

Interviews have been scheduled for the Dispatch Sergeant and Patrol Deputy positions.

Questions Regarding Monthly Vouchers

Vouchers were reviewed.

Set Next Meeting Date/Time

The monthly Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sheriff's Office.

VanTassel, adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Rebecca Suchla
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