

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: August 28, 2009

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, Glen Borland, Pam Rogers, George Jaeckel.

Others present were: Captain Brown, Captain Scott, Donna Haugom, Phil Ristow, Sharon Schmeling

Absent: Rick Kuhlman

Compliance with open meetings law: Captain Brown assured compliance.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as printed.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Pam Rogers, and seconded by Glen Borland that the June 26, 2009 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Relocation acquisition bids – Flood Mitigation Grant: Donna Haugom said that at the last Emergency Management meeting they discussed obtaining relocation acquisition bids (not demolition) and she now has those (five bids). She passed around a handout listing the companies and their bids. This will now need to go to the County Board for approval. The grants come from both federal and state. The Community Development Block Grant is a state grant (Department of Commerce). The Hazard Mitigation Grant is a combination: 75% FEMA, 12½% state and 12½% county. Paul Babcock asked if Donna knew anything about the company that put in the lowest bid, GJ Miesbauer. Donna said she has worked with them for the past 14 years and they know and understand the process well.

Pam Rogers moved that they accept the lowest bid from GJ Miesbauer for acquisition and relocation services for the Flood Mitigation Grant. Glen Borland seconded. Motion carried. Phil Ristow will put together a resolution to be forwarded on to the County Board for approval.

Sharon Schmeling asked what percentages of properties that were damaged in the flooding would be covered. Donna said that it covered 47 of the total of 77 properties. She added that for the Hazard Mitigation Grant it covers the properties that were substantially damaged over 50% and there were 35 of those. The Community Development Block Grant covers only primary properties that were damaged less than 50%.

Discussion and action on increasing warrant fees: Captain Brown did not have all the information regarding the warrant fee item; however, he did say that information shows the average warrant fee for those that charge one in the state is \$30.67. Ours has been \$20 for a long time. A warrant fee is charged when we pick someone up, either for our agency or another. It is a processing fee. Pam Rogers asked who pays the fee and Captain Brown answered that the defendant pays it. The fee is added to the bond amount. Sharon Schmeling asked if the 2010 budget was built on the proposed increase and when would it be effective. No one was able to

answer the question regarding the budget part but it was generally thought that it was slated to go into effect right away as soon as the County Board approves the resolution.

Pam Rogers made a motion to raise the warrant fee amount by \$10 and bring a resolution forward to the County Board for approval. Glen Borland seconded. Sharon Schmeling asked about a figure regarding the increase in revenue generated by raising the fee. No one knew the dollar amount for that but that approximate figure will need to be put in the resolution for the County Board.

Discuss and prioritize Jefferson County infrastructure projects that pertain to the Sheriff's Office: No other items have been implemented. This is an ongoing agenda item.

Report from the Sheriff: Captain Scott said that last week he and the Sheriff went up to the Wisconsin Narcotics Officer Association (WNOA) and Detective Sergeant Tim Madson of the Drug Task Force received a lifetime achievement award from the association. It was tough for it to be a surprise since Detective Sergeant Madson is on the WNOA board but they did manage to keep it secret until then. The Sheriff is currently in Minnesota at another organization meeting because the Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force is receiving an award for the huge Watertown drug case they uncovered last year. Glen Borland asked about drug use in the county. Captain Scott said there is still drug use in the county, primarily cocaine and marijuana. Paul Babcock also asked if the Sheriff's Office K-9 unit still went out to schools and the like for demonstrations. Captain Scott said they do but it has been scaled down a little due to budgetary constraints and having the K-9 handlers give presentations during their normal work hours.

Paul Babcock asked if the Finance Committee had received the budget from the Sheriff's Office yet and Pam Rogers answered that they have received the preliminary budget figures from all of the larger departments and that the budget process is ongoing right now.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee approved the monthly recap report for June bills in the amount of \$108,402.73. July bills totaled \$100,321.00. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Only one jail activity report was available so next month the patrol and other jail activity reports should be presented.

Jail assessment fund items: Captain Scott handed around a jail assessment item which covers items that can be paid from the jail assessment fund. In the past, these items have been lumped together at the end of the year and paid out from the fund. The committee will now have these items every month to look at.

Next meeting date is September 25, 2009.

A motion made by Pam Rogers to adjourn at 9:02 a.m. was seconded by George Jaeckel. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 3 Lost: 0 .

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