

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: March 26, 2010

Meeting called to order by Glen Borland at 8:33 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Glen Borland, Pam Rogers, George Jaeckel, Dwayne Morris
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker, Sharon Schmeling

Absent: Paul Babcock

Compliance with open meetings law: Compliance with open meetings law was assured.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as printed.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Pam Rogers, and seconded by George Jaeckel that the February 26, 2010 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Col. Retired Mike Williams was introduced by Sheriff Milbrath. Col. Williams explained that he spent 30 years in the National Guard and now is a volunteer for the Department of Defense with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) program. The three key missions of the ESGR are to educate employers, the awards program, and mediation. Col. Williams then read some portions from a plaque he had brought with him and then presented the plaque to Sheriff Milbrath for the great job the Sheriff's Office has done in supporting employees that are members of the guard and reserve.

Elect new Vice Chair: Pam Rogers nominated George Jaeckel for the position of vice chair. Dwayne Morris seconded the motion and made a motion to close nominations. Pam Rogers seconded this motion. With all in favor, the members cast a unanimous ballot for George Jaeckel as the new vice chair. George then took over the duties of running the meeting.

Law Enforcement Memorial Day Resolution: The committee members reviewed the resolution regarding the Law Enforcement Memorial Day program on Thursday, May 13, 2010. Pam Rogers made a motion to forward the resolution to the full county board for consideration. Glen Borland seconded. Motion carried. The Sheriff invited all of the members to the program and more information will be passed on to them when it is available.

Report from the Sheriff: Sheriff Milbrath said he had just conducted his first safe driving program to a group of seniors (23 of them) in Concord. In response to a question regarding the program, Sheriff Milbrath explained what the AARP program consists of. Another item discussed was the high-speed railroad that is projected to run through the northern part of the county. Waterloo and Watertown will be impacted. There will be some educational and safety programs being given to schools and other groups regarding this issue. The Sheriff has been certified as an Operation Lifesaver presenter (railroad). Some additional discussion was had about the routes and issues with the high-speed railroad. The performance evaluations have been working well. Park checks have been decreasing the number of vandalisms in the parks. Deputies have also been conducting business checks. Citation numbers have gone up but should stabilize.

Chief Deputy Parker talked about the countywide training that has been organized. Each year, law enforcement agencies are required to have 24 hours of certain training. The county agencies that

wanted to participate put together a group of instructors to train officers in Defense and Arrest Tactics (DAAT), Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC), and Vehicle Contacts. They are offering about 15 dates for officers to sign up for training during normal duty time. Besides the fact that officers from other agencies can get to know each other, it is also a cost-savings measure for all of them. Years ago, training was handled in a similar manner but agencies slowly drifted away from that over time. Chief Deputy Parker also mentioned Deputy Gukich's first K-9, Jasko, who was put to sleep on March 17, 2010. Lastly, he talked about the fact that Ford will not be manufacturing the Crown Victorias after 2011. He said that he, the Sheriff, Captain Brown, and the Sheriff's Office squad maintenance technician, Randy Frohmader, sat down in his office and watched Ford's demo for their new police interceptor vehicle that will be introduced in 2012. This will impact the Sheriff's Office greatly with the propane systems and consideration will need to be taken as to the trunk area where the propane tank is stored. They have also looked at the Chevy police interceptor vehicle. However, Chevy puts their shifter between the front seats where most of the equipment is currently located in squads. It also is a front-wheel drive vehicle which can cause problems. The Dodge Charger is being considered as well. The Sheriff added that it is likely that there will be an adjustment in propane tanks as well in the future.

The last item that the Sheriff brought up was that the Infrastructure Committee took a tour of the Sheriff's Office annex building and noted that there is some outside maintenance needed to the building. They also were able to see some of the specialized vehicles out there, some of which have been obtained through the military surplus program.

Dwayne Morris asked whether the Sheriff's Office had purchased the laptops discussed at the last meeting. Chief Deputy Parker answered that they had purchased the ones that were allocated in the Sheriff's Office budget (six of them that will be put in the new squads) but will be waiting until after the closing of the sale of Countryside to request the funding from their computer budget to purchase the other six laptops (July). Just about all of the squads should be outfitted for laptops after those are purchased.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee approved the monthly recap report for January bills in the amount of \$331,085.67. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. Chief Deputy Parker went through the wage/overtime expenditures so far through January. Most are under target with only the communications division running above due to the one full-time dispatcher that was gone to Iraq and has just returned on March 20th. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy talked briefly about the sick leave policy which will soon be in place at the Sheriff's Office. Jail board revenue was also discussed as well as options for health care in the jail.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Jail and patrol activity reports were reviewed.

Jail assessment fund items: General fund items for the month. Other items included paying 50% toward a chiller unit (boiler) and 50% toward a radiator on the emergency generator. A bill has been introduced in the senate addressing some additional uses for assessment funds (see attached).

Next meeting date is April 23, 2010.

A motion made by Pam Rogers to adjourn at 9:44 a.m., was seconded by Glen Borland. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 4 Lost: 0 .

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