

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: June 27, 2014

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Amy Rinard at 8:45 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Amy Rinard, Al Counsell, Kirk Lund. Mike Wineke arrived later during the meeting. Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Captain Scott, County Administrator Ben Wehmeier, Corp. Counsel J. Blair Ward. Captain Haferman arrived later in the meeting.

Absent: Dwayne Morris

Compliance with open meetings law: Ben Wehmeier assured.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Al Counsell, and seconded by Kirk Lund that the May 23, 2014 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Communications: None

Update on Sullivan / Rome tower inspection: Sheriff Milbrath spoke regarding the tower:

- An explanation of where the tower is located was given (Highway 18/Pioneer Road).
- With the mandate to go to narrow banding, the Sheriff's Office is having issues with coverage in the Sullivan/Rome area
- The tower was owned by Charter, who turned over ownership to the private landowner.
- The plate was missing from the tower that would have had the number on it. That possibly could have helped with the cost of inspection as far as some information needed may have been gleaned from the number on the plate.
- The tower inspection went well (cost was \$5,000 for the inspection).
- The next step will be to get a contract signed with the landowner and then begin putting up the building (houses equipment) and putting equipment on the tower. Nothing can be put on the tower until this process is complete.
- The county is looking at a 10-year lease at about \$3,000 per year. The landowner has been very cooperative and understands the need for this site.

Grants – Update of ongoing or new grants: Captain Scott talked about the BOTS grant:

- The Department of Transportation (Bureau of Transportation Safety) gives out grants every year for speed and OWI enforcement. The Sheriff's Office hasn't received one in about five years. A new regional manager is in this area and he was approached as to why the county had not received anything in many years. His response was that Jefferson County is the second safest county in the state after Wood County.
 - Part of the requirement to receive grants from BOTS is the number of alcohol-related fatal accidents and the number of OWI arrests that are made.
 - Since we do not want to kill additional people, the director did find some extra

speed grant money that is tied to a task force (more than one agency working together on the grant enforcement).

- He researched the Highway 26 corridor and found that the numbers in that area do qualify for grant funding; so the Sheriff's Office joined with Rock County Sheriff's Office, the Town of Milton and the Village of Johnson Creek on a Highway 26 Corridor project. This task force (four agencies) received \$44,000 in grant money which was awarded on May 22 with a match of 25%.
- The task force is doing 20 deployments. Rock County has other grants as well so they are only doing 4-hour deployments (of the 8 hours allocated). The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office is picking up the other four hours and are also allocating an additional 20 deployments on the county's time (normal shift hours) to meet the 25% match requirement of the grant. Enforcement will be concentrating on the construction area south of Fort Atkinson to Rock County but can be anywhere along Highway 26.
- The grant included \$4,999 to be used for equipment. Rock County requested to use about \$1,200 of the money. The Sheriff's Office will be purchasing a BadgerTracs computer for one of the motorcycles with their portion of the grant money.
- A photo was taken of the task force members and the BOTS representative was taken earlier in the week and will be in the newspapers. Captain Scott is working with the billboard people (Lamers) to put the message out there (public service).
- The BOTS representative would like to get together with the task force again after the grant period runs out (end of September) to talk about results and possible funding next year.
- Grant periods (NITSA) run from October 1st through September 30th.
- Sheriff Milbrath applied for a couple grants through Enbridge. The first one was supposed to go the communications department and ended up coming to Emergency Management (he accidentally put EM in the blank at the end).
 - The funds from this grant will be used for a WisCom radio for the JCEC (Jefferson County Emergency Communicator's) command vehicle. The radio will provide interoperability between agencies (radio communications can be different in each agency) in case of emergencies.
 - The second Enbridge grant is still in the works.
- The Sheriff will also be working on other smaller grant opportunities.

Report from the Sheriff:

- The Sheriff has finished all 40 or so of his Emergency Management courses and will be a backup for Donna.
- An explanation was given for the Project Lifesaver program. It is dedicated to help the individuals that have cognitive disabilities (brain injuries, Alzheimer's, Autism, etc.) and tend to wander. The program utilizes a wrist bracelet and radio waves to locate an individual who wanders. This helps keep the cost of searches down.
 - The grant provided the tracking equipment and training; however, the bracelets have a cost of \$300 the first year and \$120 each year thereafter (for replacement of batteries).
 - Autistic subjects are a challenge as they do not like anything on them. Usually they will not tolerate wearing the bracelet.
 - The Sheriff is looking at finding some sponsor organizations to help with the cost

of the bracelets.

- The first person will be placed on the program soon.
 - The Sheriff talked about the sale of the Deuce and a half:
 - This is a military troop/supply transport vehicle with high ground clearance that was acquired about 4 or 5 years ago and was proposed to be used in case of flooding or other emergencies to move people out of danger areas. It also has a trailer with it which would possibly have been used to haul sandbags.
 - Because of the cost to repair the current SWAT vehicle, the grant to receive the MRAP was a less expensive solution (\$20,000 + for repairs versus \$6,800 for shipping of the MRAP). Brinks requires the return of the vehicle that is currently used as the SWAT vehicle.
 - The Deuce and a half will be sold to help cover the cost of shipping.
- The Sheriff also explained the Federal 1033 program. It is basically a military surplus program that allows law enforcement to obtain items at low, and sometimes no cost, for use by the receiving agency. The nearest facility for this program is in Waunakee.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for May bills in the amount of \$224,876.81. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

- A couple questions were asked about some of the vouchers, one regarding the dishwasher replacement (jail assessment funds) and another regarding the \$75,000 in upgrades to the Johnson Creek tower. A concrete pad was put in, a small electrical problem was fixed and a directional issue was fixed on the microwave.

Report on budget:

- Overall budget expenditures through the month of May is 43.1% for the Sheriff's Office.
- Ben Wehmeier said the Sheriff's Office is pretty much on budget. Natural gas cost was the high item due to the very cold winter.

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

- The average daily population in the jail runs from about 144 to 159 depending on the time of year. The largest number of inmates was 231 about seven years ago or so.
- Discussion was also had about sex offenders, how/where they are released, notifications, and the levels of monitoring placed on them.

Jail assessment fund items: General fund items for the month totaling \$4,792.78. This includes jail maintenance items, GED costs (Jefferson County Literacy Council), and miscellaneous jail supplies.

Adjourn

Next meeting date is July 25, 2014 (Emergency Management)

A motion made by Kirk Lund to adjourn at 10:16 a.m., was seconded by Al Counsell. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 2 Lost: 0 .