

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: June 26, 2015

Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Dwayne Morris, Amy Rinard, Al Counsell, Mike Wineke, Kirk Lund

Others present were: Chief Deputy Parker, Captain Scott, County Admin. Ben Wehmeier, Corp. Counsel Blair Ward, Asst. Corp. Counsel Yelena Zarwell

Absent: None

Compliance with open meetings law: Ben Wehmeier assured compliance.

Review agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Amy Rinard, and seconded by Mike Wineke that the May 22, 2015 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried. (All – ayes)

Communications: None

Discuss / recommend actions regarding 911 phone system proposals:

- Chief Deputy Parker told the committee that seven bids were received for the 911 system.
- Three of the bids are still under consideration, AT & T, BayCom and Frontier.
- All three have bids have been reviewed for specifications and the companies have come in for a presentation / interviews.
- The budget included \$380,000 for this upgrade and the three bids range from \$200,000 to \$240,000 for the 911 phone system portion.
- The specifications needed to include the ability to implement new technology such as texting to 911 which will be the next step but at this time there are no set standards for this technology.
- Supervisor Lindert will be doing the last analysis of the specifications and will be making a requirement comparison chart for the three prospective bids.
- Two of the bids contain the same system (Airbus) and the third one is different (Solacom). The Chief indicated that he would like Todd and a couple dispatchers to make site visits at agencies that use both of the systems to see how they work, any maintenance issues and the response time from the company to fix any problems.
- Chief Deputy Parker talked about a special meeting that will be held at 6:30 p.m. before the next County Board meeting in July (14th) to review the bids and make a recommendation. A document containing each company's bid, equipment and options will be presented.
- Jefferson County Communications center covers all cell phone 911 calls in Jefferson County as well as landline phones outside of the cities that have their own dispatch centers (such as Fort Atkinson, Watertown, etc.)

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- The traffic grants are in full swing.
- The Sheriff's Office is currently involved in three task force grants (grants in conjunction with other agencies).
- The OWI Enforcement Grant is with Rock County, Dane County, and Sauk County and is three deployments per month (four officers, four hours per deployment).
- Jefferson County has been very successful with the deployments for this grant so far.
- The Speed Enforcement Grant is with Rock County, the Town of Milton, and the Village of Johnson Creek. It allows for six 8-hour deployments on Highway 26 per month. Plus the grant contains 40 additional hours for each agency to enforce speed in other areas each month.
- The last grant is a Speed and OWI Enforcement with the City of Jefferson. They deploy in the city and the Sheriff's Office takes care of the outskirts of the city.
- The traffic grants are a big positive for the budget in terms of revenue.
- The Sheriff's Office has received the suitcase lighting system that the Sheriff requested a grant for from Tyson. It will be used for night time accidents and/or investigations.
- The back-up generator has also been purchased for the Sullivan tower equipment building.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Sheriff Milbrath is in Baltimore at the National Sheriff's Association Conference. He is able to establish a lot of vendor relationships when he attends these conferences.
- He and Randy have been talking with a couple companies about propane systems for the new Tahoes.
- The 2015 Tahoes have a change in the engine injection so the previous propane systems will not work. There also have been changes to the interior and exterior. The interior cages used in past years will not fit in the new squads and the grill guards now don't fit correctly either.
- The cost of propane is still low this year at 38¢ per gallon (this price reflects the 50¢ rebate at the end of the year and also does not include the alternative fuel tax of 26¢ per gallon).
- The squads used to be changed out every two years but that has been lengthened to three years the past couple cycles. Some of the changed out squads will be used for transport units. The 2015 squads are here but there are no propane systems available for them yet so they may be fitted out with everything but not used on the road as long as the 2012 vehicles are able to be used.
- The Sheriff's Office is down about 4 deputies again. One of the jail deputies recently resigned and her last day was yesterday.
- Will be starting a new hiring process (eligibility list). The application deadline is the end of July and the test will be given in early August.
- Are considering a hiring contract which allows for the Sheriff's Office to recoup some of the costs if a new hire does not stay for a set period of time and will take into consideration whether the new deputy has already attended the academy or if the Sheriff's Office has to send them through it.
- Amy Rinard also asked about the MRAP. It has been painted black and will be decaled in the near future. Some spare seats (free) and tires (\$300) have been acquired from the 1033 surplus program in Waunakee and a couple hydraulic cells were ordered for opening and closing both doors as ours was missing those cells.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee reviewed the monthly recap reports for May bills in the amount of \$327,572.96. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on budget:

- Budget revenues and expenditures should be about 41.66% at the end of May.
- The Sheriff's Office is running at 39.66% overall at the end of May (not including capital) which equates to about \$130,000 under budget.
- The jail division is the only unit operating over budget (\$112,844) which attributes to overtime. Their revenues are at 40.42%, expenditures are 43.19%.

Proposed 2016 capital projects for the budget:

- Squad vehicles and MDC's are a couple items for 2016.
- The range facility will also have some updates done. A permanent DAAT training area will be put into the garage area.

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

Jail assessment fund items: One item in the amount of \$250.00 was presented. This charge was for a consultant to inspect the RFP for the jail camera system project to make sure all the language was correct and the needed specifications were included.

Agenda Items:

Adjourn

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, July 14 at 6:30 p.m.
Next full meeting date is July 24, 2015 (Emergency Management)

A motion made by Amy Rinard to adjourn at 9:36 a.m., was seconded by Kirk Lund. Motion carried. (All – ayes)