

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: September 25, 2015

Meeting called to order by Amy Rinard at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Amy Rinard, Mike Wineke, Kirk Lund, Al Counsell
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Ben Wehmeier, Blair Ward, Donna Haugom, Captain Scott, Daily Union reporter Alexa Zoellner

Absent: Dwayne Morris

Compliance with open meetings law: County Administrator Wehmeier assured compliance.

Review agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment: None.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Mike Wineke, and seconded by Al Counsell that the August 28, 2015 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried. (All-ayes) Another motion by Mike Wineke, seconded by Al Counsell to approve the September 8, 2015 Special Meeting minutes was made. Motion carried. (All-ayes).

Communications: Deferred to the Sheriff's Report.

Discussion and possible action on establishing Medical Examiner autopsy transport fees:

- ❖ Medical Examiner Nichol Wayd and Corp. Counsel put together a resolution regarding autopsy transport fees and charges for the disposition of unclaimed/unidentified bodies.
- ❖ This topic was discussed at a previous meeting and the purpose for a contract for these fees is that families should not be paying for them so the county would be responsible.
- ❖ In order to find the lowest rate, ME Wayd sent letters out to all the funeral homes in Jefferson County regarding a rate for autopsy transports.
- ❖ Most of the homes replied to her inquiry and the lowest rate came in at \$175.00 (from Jefferson County to the medical examiner's office in Milwaukee County) from Thelen Funeral Services which is located in Genesee; however, Tim Thelen has been working in the county assisting David Olson's Funeral Home.
- ❖ The contract would be for a 2-year period.
- ❖ The medical examiner orders about 45 autopsies per year.
- ❖ In addition, the medical examiner asked for costs associated with cremating unclaimed or unidentified bodies which is also a charge that the county would pay.
- ❖ The lowest fee again was received by Tim Thelen at \$525.00 per instance which includes transportation from where the body is located to his facility for cremation.
- ❖ Some will not be cremations, occasionally a body will be buried (e.g. veterans).
- ❖ The medical examiner's 2016 budget shows \$8,000 for transport fees and \$1,500 for unclaimed/unidentified body dispositions.
- ❖ Mike Wineke made a motion to forward the resolution to the County Board in October and Kirk Lund seconded it.
- ❖ It was noted that the executive summary should include the number of bids received, the highest bid and lowest bid, and that all of the funeral homes in Jefferson County and other

interested parties were given the opportunity to submit a fee rate.

- ❖ The motion was amended to include the added wording was motion passed (All-Ayes)

Discussion and possible action on entering into a service agreement for an INTEGRATED PUBLIC ALERT AND WARNING SYSTEM (I-PAWS):

- ❖ Donna Haugom had discussed this system with the committee during the July meeting.
- ❖ A question was asked during that meeting about whether the end user was charged for having this service and the answer to that is no, they are not charged.
- ❖ Another question had been asked about releasing information and I-PAWS does not release any information. Requests for any information will need to go through the county and the proper channels.
- ❖ Basically this system would kick out alerts for non-weather related incidences as the Weather Service will send out weather alerts.
- ❖ The alerts go out through the cell towers so messages must be very specific. Most alerts will be confined to Jefferson County but the possibility of bleed over to nearby counties is also possible. Alerts may also be confined to certain towers if applicable.
- ❖ An application needs to be filed through FEMA and the process will be started as soon as it is approved by the county board.
- ❖ Funding has been included in the 2016 budget as it should be up and running by January.
- ❖ A motion was made by Kirk Lund to approve resolution and forward on to the county board was seconded by Al Counsell. Some discussion followed to add additional wording to the resolution regarding other systems being cost prohibitive.
- ❖ Additional wording stating that I-PAWS is endorsed by the State of Wisconsin and is the most cost effective method to issue critical public alerts and warnings will be added to the executive summary.
- ❖ The motion passed with the added wording. (All-Ayes)

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- ❖ Captain Scott talked about a couple task force grants – one is an OWI enforcement grant and encompasses a couple nights a month in conjunction with Dane, Rock and Sauk Counties which covers the Hwy 12/18 and Hwy 14/51 corridors. (\$20,000)
- ❖ Jefferson County has arrested the most so far.
- ❖ This grant runs through December 31st.
- ❖ Another task force grant is in conjunction with Rock County, the Town of Milton, and the Village of Johnson Creek (\$60,000) which is a speed enforcement grant along the Hwy 26 corridor.
- ❖ This grant ends September 30th.
- ❖ During the last couple days deputies wrote a total of 68 citations (grant related) in 4 hour deployments on each day.
- ❖ This grant also includes \$5,000 toward the purchase of equipment and the Sheriff's Office will be obtaining a new speed sign (the insides of our current equipment).
- ❖ Sheriff Milbrath applied for an Enbridge grant (\$1,200) to help pay for the back-up generator for the Sullivan tower site.
- ❖ He also will be applying for several smaller grants to purchase night vision equipment as the current equipment is very old and not technologically current.
- ❖ Another grant through Homeland Security that the Sheriff will be working on is more involved and is for a Total Station (about \$38,000) which is used to map accidents, crime scenes, traffic fatalities and will be used to map schools.

Report from the Sheriff:

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Minutes by: Terry Cerny

- ❖ Sheriff Milbrath went out to the Sullivan tower site to map out a location for a propane tank that will be used for the back-up generator.
- ❖ United Cooperative will be putting the system in.
- ❖ The recent storms took out some equipment at the main tower site in Jefferson and the back-up generator did not start up either due to blown fuses.
- ❖ Johnson Creek, Ixonia and Waterloo towers have UPS backup systems (battery powered).
- ❖ Communications received were from the Johnson Creek library for having a presentation from one of the K-9 handlers.
- ❖ A local business in Helenville, Wingin' it is hosting a spaghetti dinner for "Police lives matter" honoring law enforcement. Proceeds will go to the Concerns for Police Survivors (COPS) national organization.
- ❖ A large card was received from St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Jefferson thanking law enforcement officers for everything they do.
- ❖ The Sheriff's Office is starting background investigations on the top 20 candidates (test scores) for deputy positions.
- ❖ Some discussion was had regarding the process of hiring and the amount of time it takes to go through all the steps before a deputy is hired.
- ❖ The Citizen's Police Academy started on Tuesday.

Review monthly bills and financial items (August): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for August bills in the amount of \$104,296.27. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. While reviewing financial items, drug use in the county (heroin) was discussed as well as drug court processes. Much less activity is observed in Kanow Park now due to drive throughs on occasion.

Report on budget:

- ❖ Worker's Comp is the biggest issue in the budget this year (the county is self funded).
- ❖ Overall, the budget is doing very well this year.
- ❖ Patrol overtime is significantly lower and overtime in the jail is slightly higher.
- ❖ Some revenues are exceeding projections. Civil process is lower due to a couple factors.
- ❖ Plaques will be given to Crystal Farms and Oakdale Farms for 5 years of providing food to the jail kitchen. Me & My Pets and Stanley Trewyn will also be receiving plaques for their ongoing contributions to the K-9 program.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports:

Jail and patrol activity reports were reviewed.

Jail assessment fund items: General fund items for the month totaling \$3,342.00 for inmate instruction (GED) from the Jefferson County Literacy Council.

Agenda Items:

Review meeting dates in November and December

Adjourn

Next meeting date is October 23, 2015 (Emergency Management)

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

Motions Carried: 4 Lost: 0 .