

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: November 20, 2015

Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:35 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Dwayne Morris, Amy Rinard, Al Counsell, Kirk Lund, Mike Wineke
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Captain Scott, Blair Ward, Ben Wehmeier

Absent: None

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 Kirk Lund, and seconded by Amy Rinard that the September 25, 2015 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried. (All-eyes)

Communications:

- o Amy Rinard was concerned that word had not been made public for quite a while about the recent derailment in Watertown.
- o The Sheriff replied that the incident was the City of Watertown's jurisdiction and not the county's. Watertown did a good job with the incident but their Fire department and PD have their own notifications.
- o The county was notified later. Donna found out about it on her own with some help from the Dodge County EM assistant who happened to be in Watertown at the time.
- o The good news is that the preplanning and training exercise really helped things go pretty smoothly, everything was minimal and everyone worked well together.
- o The mayor was very complimentary of Donna and how much she helped.
- o The next train scenario exercise will be in June of 2016. There also are some other trainings coming up as well next year.
- o Mike Wineke asked about the traffic accident with the two fatalities. He asked if the Sheriff's Office has a policy regarding pursuits.
- o There is policy and procedure for pursuits and they are followed very closely.
- o Determination regarding the outcome of this case has not been finalized yet.
- o The recent Amber Alert was handled extremely well and the individual that called the suspect in is truly a hero. It was a textbook case, with a great conclusion.
- o Al Counsell wondered if any notifications come to the Sheriff about ISIS. The Sheriff does get notices as does County Administrator Wehmeier through Homeland Security.
- o The world has changed and this is probably the new norm. People have to stay alert.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- o The Sheriff is applying for a police grant to help pay for a 3-D scanner used for crime and accident scenes. It's an excellent tool and will diagram everything in 3-D.
- o Are waiting to hear from Enbridge in regard to a grant to help pay for the generator at the Sullivan tower site.

- Captain Scott talked about the traffic grants. One ended on September 30th and of the \$104,000 that was awarded, only about \$400 was sent back unused.
- A new grant agreement was just signed in cooperation with the City of Jefferson for about \$20,000.
- The state's Booze and Belts grant begins on December 18th.
- Another task force grant for OWI enforcement in 2016 was just signed in conjunction with Dane, Columbia, Sauk and Rock County for about \$35,000 (Sheriff's Office share). It covers Highways 14, 151, 12 and 18.
- Jefferson County arrested the most drunk drivers during the last grant.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Sheriff Milbrath passed around the jail inspection report.
- The jail did very well and received high marks.
- Would like the jail to have more mental health hours which are being looked at.
- The new jail camera system is installed and they are fine-tuning some things. They had a hard job re-routing the wires through the facility which took some time.
- It will be a few weeks or so before the cameras are fully operational.
- The Sullivan tower is completely functioning and has become a primary site.
- The generator is hooked up and LP tanks are in place to run it.
- The generator has been working well. Tests are done every week with it and it worked fine when the power went out earlier in the week.
- A new project is in the works with Watertown regarding this as well.

Review monthly bills and financial items (August): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for September bills in the amount of \$193,063.56 and October bills in the amount of \$113,966.23. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on budget:

- Overtime in the jail is up, patrol division overtime is down.
- The budget is skewed this year because of a Worker's Comp issue. Other than that, the Sheriff's Office budget is much better than in some past years.
- The Sheriff's Office is 5 deputies short right now and at the end of the month of December it will be 7 short.
- One of the dispatchers will be moving from full time to part time in a week or so and another dispatcher will need to be hired.
- A couple of the support staff have been dispatchers so they are willing to step in and fill some shifts.
- It's been more difficult in the past five years or so to hire people that pass everything and are willing to stay and have a career here.

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 \$6,016.22 .

- Boiler and cooling tower testing and treatment on June 15, Aug. 14 and Sept. 15 totaled \$2,676.22.
- Jail inmate instruction –Jefferson County Literacy Council for two months at \$3,340.00.

Agenda Items:

Jail camera system viewing

Adjourn

Next meeting date is December 18, 2015

A motion made by Amy Rinard to adjourn at 9:37 a.m., was seconded by Kirk Lund. Motion carried. (All-eyes)

Motions Carried: 2 Lost: 0 .