

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGMEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: December 20, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:33 a.m.

Roll Call: Members of the committee present were: Kirk Lund, Dwayne Morris, Brandon White

Others present were: Chief Deputy Jeff Parker, Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward, Patrol Captain Travis Maze, Sergeant Jason Behm, Heather James – Human Services, Anita Martin – Lake Mills

Absent: Greg David, James Braugler

Certification of Compliance with open meetings law: Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward certified compliance with the open meetings law.

Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment: None

Approval of the November 22, 2019 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Kirk Lund, and seconded by Brandon White that the November 22, 2019 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Grants – Update of ongoing or new grants:

- The Sheriff's Office purchased riot gear using grant funds. There will be additional grant funds available to purchase more riot gear including gas masks, gas mask holders, and filters, with a cost of \$500 per mask.

Report from the Sheriff:

- The Sheriff's Office has three recruits in the Police Academy that will graduate today: Jennifer Rayfield, Michael Priebusch, and James Garcia.
- The Citizens' Police Academy graduated twelve individuals on Wednesday, December 18. They completed a 12-week course that included areas such as SWAT, K9, dispatch, Detective, Jail, etc.
- The Sheriff's Office has made 4 offers to fill the 4 deputy openings and an additional 5th deputy was approved to be hired at a part-time capacity to fill a vacancy that will be opened in May.
- Sheriff's Office K9 Harlow will be retiring in January and the process has begun to find a new handler and dog.
- The deputy Union contract negotiations are nearly complete.
- The union contract does allow for the scheduling committee to continue to work on options for different schedules for the deputies to help with their home life and amount of overtime worked.

- The Chiefs and Sheriff Association Banquet will be held on January 16, 2020 at Neighbors in Jefferson.
- Chief Deputy Parker gave a summary of the press release and criminal complaint that was released on former deputy Janelle Gericke. He explained that after an internal investigation which began in the spring of 2019, Gericke was terminated in July 2019 and the investigation was turned over to the Department of Justice-Department of Criminal Investigations. These investigations are run separately from each other.

Update on Communications Project:

- The resolution approving the communications project was passed at the last County Board Meeting.
- Communications Supervisor Lindert and County Administrator Wehmeier are working with True North on the next steps of the project.

Update on Project Lifesaver:

- Sergeant Behm and Heather James from Human Services gave an explanation on the difference between the older technology Project Lifesaver uses and the new technology available for individuals to use that will provide better coverage. They explained that the old technology only works with a 1 to 1.5 mile radius from the locator which is continuously moved until the subject is located. The newer technology uses GPS to be able to locate people wearing the devices which are connected to cell phones, tablets, and computers which gives a much more exact location of the individual.
- Human Services has spoken with families to give them the information on the different devices that are available to them.

Review monthly bills and financial items: There were no monthly bills or financial items to review for the month.

Report on the budget: There is no information at this time to report on the budget.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Jail and patrol activity reports were made available for review.

Discussion and Possible action on approving jail assessment fund purchases: None.

Discussion on potential items for the January 24, 2020 meeting agenda: None.

Next meeting date: January 24, 2020. (Emergency Management)

Adjourn: A motion made by Brandon White to adjourn at 9:38 a.m., was seconded by Kirk Lund. Motion carried.