

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 25, 2021

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Members of the committee present were: Kirk Lund (ZOOM), Dwayne Morris, David Drayna, Brandon White (ZOOM), Mary Roberts

Others present were: Chief Deputy Jeff Parker, Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward, Supervisor Anita Martin, Captain Gray, Captain Maze

Absent: none.

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

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

Public Comment: Supervisor Anita Martin asked that the following two items be added to the next Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Meeting: in consideration that in the recent fire in the Chicago, IL area, fire fighters used a chemical PFA foam to douse the fire – do Jefferson County Fire Departments also use this chemical foam and if there were to be surrounding area fire departments responding, would they also potentially use this chemical foam; secondly, Ms. Martin asked that an agenda item “Discussion on potential grants for pipeline safety” be added for next month.

Approval of the May 28, 2021 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Kirk Lund, and seconded by David Drayna that the May 28, 2021 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Captain Gray update on jail operations:

- Captain Gray reported that the jail will be starting in person visitation on July 20.
- The GED program has continued during covid virtually; Captain Gray stated it will be transitioned back to in person in the near future.
- Religion services, NA and AA programs will be transitioned from virtual to in person in the near future.
- There have been zero covid cases among the jail inmates throughout the pandemic. Masks are still being worn when in contact with the inmates. Vaccinations were brought into the facility for any inmates who elected to receive them.
- Southern Health Partners, the new medical company, has been working out very well.
- Currently, the population in the jail is 103. Court bookings will be starting again and the jail will begin taking in more inmates.
- Electronic monitoring is still being used by Huber inmates that qualify for the program.
- There was a recent lifesaving incident of an attempted suicide by an inmate. Deputies were able to respond and begin performing CPR which was taken over by EMS once on

scene. The inmate was transported to an area hospital and has since been released and is doing well.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- The Sheriff's Office is continuing to work on the Traffic Safety grant through the Department of Transportation and IID grant.

Report from the Sheriff:

- The Sheriff's Office will be conducting deputy interviews with the Command Staff to fill two open positions.
- The Sheriff's Office has three new employees starting on July 6th, 2021. Two are dispatchers; one is full time and the other is part-time. The full-time dispatcher will take us up to 100% staffing. The part-time dispatcher will be training in a full-time capacity and then be working part-time. The other employee is our clerical assistant replacing Tracy Neuhauser transferred over and became Donna Haugom's assistant.
- The 2022 budget process is ahead of schedule; the Sergeants have turned their parts over to the Captains for approvals and changes.
- Chief Parker reported on the issues that have arisen with the propane systems on the 2022 squads. There are issues with the propane systems not being compatible with Ford's new direct inject engines. The Sheriff's Office has six squads running on propane with the rest on fuel. There are six squads to be purchased in the 2022 budget.
- Sheriff Milbrath is at the National Sheriff's Association Conference in Arizona where he is being awarded the J. Stannard Baker Award for Traffic Safety. He is receiving this due to his efforts over his tenure as Sheriff in drastically reducing the amount of traffic fatalities and incidents. Supervisor Dwayne Morris made a statement of the committee's deep appreciation for the Sheriff's work on this. Chief Parker stated that the Northwestern Crash Investigation School is donating two free training spots to the Sheriff's Office due to Sheriff Milbrath winning this award.
- Sheriff's Office detectives used drone technology to map the area around the Anderson homicide in an attempt to detect any new evidence; there was nothing located.
- The family of the late retired Sergeant Lyle Borth has donated \$12,000 to the K9 program to be used towards the purchase of the Sheriff's Office next canine.
- The Sheriff's Office Use of Force policy will be posted online in the near future per Governor Evers' Order.

Update on Communications Project: None for this month.

Review monthly bills and financial items (May): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for May 2021 bills in the amount of \$161,242.12. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on the budget: The Sheriff's Office is operating at 39.95% at this time and should be at 41.66% at the end of May. Revenues for the Sheriff's Office are down right now due to the state inmates not up to quota right now, Huber fees are down due to being out on electronic monitoring and the inactivity in the court system. This will all begin to pick up in the near future with courts reopening and the jail reopening to accept additional state inmates.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Jail and patrol activity reports were not available.

Discussion and Possible action on approving jail assessment fund purchases:

The Committee received a report on general jail assessment fund purchases totaling \$3,735.95. Payment was made to US Foods for the dishwasher monthly lease payment in the amount of \$135.95 for April and to Jefferson Co Literacy Council in the amount of \$3,600 for jail inmate instruction for May and June.

The jail assessment balance at the end of May is \$251,428.58.

Discussion on potential items for the next meeting agenda (Emergency Management):

See public comment for items to be added for next month.

Adjourn: A motion made by David Drayna to adjourn at 9:35 a.m., was seconded by Mary Roberts. Motion carried.