

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: December 15, 2023

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morris at 8:34 a.m.

Roll Call: Members of the committee present were: Dwayne Morris, David Drayna, Mary Roberts, Karl Zarling

Others present were: Chief Deputy Donald Hunter, County Administrator Ben Wehmeier

Absent: Brandon White

Certification of Compliance with open meetings law: Chief Deputy Donald Hunter certified compliance with the open meetings law.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of the October 27, 2023 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Drayna and seconded by Supervisor Zarling that the October 27, 2023 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communications:

- Chief Deputy Hunter showed the committee a couple letters from Johnson Creek Village President thanking the Sheriff's office for their involvement in Nickel Night in August.
- Supervisor Morris told the committee what an amazing combined effort between the Sheriff's Office, DNR, and local fire departments rescuing an older hunter that was stuck in the marsh about a month ago.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- Chief Deputy Hunter informed the committee that the Sheriff's Office has received an \$80,000 speed grant to share with other local departments. Also, the Sheriff's Office is receiving a seatbelt grant in 24 but have not been informed as to how much.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Chief Deputy Hunter spoke on the Sheriff's Office being 17 deputies short with 20 current applications however only 6 signed up for the exam.
- A former female deputy has come back part time to help with picking up open shifts in the jail.
- Currently the jail has 26 deputies assigned with 4 in various stages of training. There were 123 overtime shifts in October and 159 in November.
- Patrol currently has 22 deputies assigned with 1 in training. There were 87 overtime shifts in October and 99 in November.
- The Sheriff's Office has 4 retirements in the start of 2024. In January Scott Bondurant, Tom Klemke, Scott Yambor, and in February Captain Brian Olson.

- There were 4 deputies who resigned recently; Sergeant Amy Heggie, Tyler Flood, Vincent Busateri, and Karalyn Dehn.
- There are currently promotion processes for Captain and Jail sergeant to try and fill those positions.

Update on Communications Project:

- Chief Deputy Hunter spoke on how the new system is working very well and there is a conditional acceptance.

Review monthly bills and financial items (September & October): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for September 2023 bills in the amount of \$144,073.63 and October 2023 bills in the amount of \$381,431.00. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on the budget:

- Chief Deputy Hunter informed the committee that the Sheriff's Office is in good shape with the budget with low expenditures. Overtime is high however with the unfilled positions it is helping offset that.

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

Discussion and Possible action on approving jail assessment fund purchases:

- Bills were presented for dish washer lease (09/19-10/18) for \$223.58, dish washer lease (010/19-11/18) for \$223.58, Jail inmate instruction for September and October for \$3,600.00, and tower treatment chemicals for \$1,277.32 for a grand total of \$5,324.48

The jail assessment balance at the end of October is \$274,392.68.

Discussion on potential items for the January 26, 2024 meeting agenda (Emergency Management):

NONE

Adjourn: A motion made by Supervisor Zarling to adjourn at 9:52 a.m., was seconded by Supervisor Drayna. Motion carried.