

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: August 23, 2024

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morris at 8:37 a.m.

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

Others present were: Sheriff Travis Maze, County Administrator Ben Wehmeier

Absent: Brandon White, Mary Roberts,

Certification of Compliance with open meetings law: County Administrator Wehmeier certified compliance with the open meetings law.

Introduction of Policy Oversight Department Heads (District Attorney):

- District Attorney Monica Hall informed the committee what her office has been doing the last year. There are a lot of changes but they are handling their case loads the best they can. Currently there are 5 attorneys in her office including her and one is on deployment for a year. They are working on hiring a 6 attorney to replace Theresa Beck who was appointed to finish Judge Hue's term. Recently the open positions for their First Offenders Program and Victim Witness Coordinator were filled. DA Hall informed the committee that she hopes to have interns and that the State will give them another part time position this year.
- DA Hall also informed the committee that overall their department has had a steady case flow.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of the July 26, 2024 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Drayna and seconded by Supervisor Zarling that the July 26, 2024 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Resolution on Updating the Jefferson County Hazard Mitigation Plan (Emergency Management)

- Emergency Management Program Assistant Tracy Neuhauser informed the committee that this is a similar plan that has always been in place.
- A motion was made by Supervisor Zarling and seconded by Supervisor Drayna that the Resolution be sent to the County Board for approval. Motion Carried.

Communications:

- Sheriff Maze informed the committee that Sergeant Steinbach wrote a letter of commendation for Deputy Logan Dahnert for his persistence and attention to detail which helped him catch an individual wanted for theft from a business.
- Sheriff Maze also spoke on a letter Detective Doebereiner got from a couple who has

money stolen from them and thanked him for his work on getting the offender caught and brought up on charges which resulted in them getting repaid the money they lost.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigations

- Sheriff Maze informed the committee that the Sheriff's Office has played an active role in these investigations since 2009. We currently have 2 detectives who specialize in this cases however it is tough to split the time to actively search out these cases but when we get information we start investigating and then involve DCI. Sheriff spoke on how the department has not been able to be proactive due to other obligations but there are resources available for help such as DCI when these cases do come into our department.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- Sheriff informed the committee that the speed grant is ongoing and end September 30. So far, the department has spent \$45,574.67 on overtime with this grant and we need to at least spend 90% of the \$80,000 we received in order to qualify for next year. Deputies are sitting in problem areas mostly but are branching out to different areas so people know they are out there.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Sheriff Maze spoke on how the department is currently 19 deputies short however there are 7 in the background phase for hiring with 4 being female.
- The union took it upon themselves to vote again on the ability to have lateral transfers. The motion passed and currently the department is looking for 6 lateral transfers to patrol and the MOU with the union restricts who can apply and the deputies in the jail still eligible for patrol will have seniority over these deputies.
- With the retirement of Sheriff Milbrath there were also many changes to the command staff. Currently Jerry Haferman is the undersheriff, administrative captain is Margo Gray, and patrol captain is Matt Kanters. Chief Deputy Hunter is out on medical leave till November and the department is short a jail captain.
- There were 3 resignations and 1 retirement

Update on Communications Project:

- Sheriff informed the committee that the final drive test was done August 3 and the result was a 97.4% coverage so final payment will be made.
- Still working on helping with dead zones and inside buildings. Sheriff has a meeting with "Tango, tango" this coming week and the department will be testing out its product for using the radio over WIFI for 45 days.

Review monthly bills and financial items (June, July): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for June 2024 bills in the amount of \$258,729.44 and July 2024 bills in the amount of \$193,842.16. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on the budget:

- Sheriff informed the committee that the budget is right where it should be for this time of year. The only discrepancy may be at the shooting range due to installing a generator there in the last year.

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 (06/19/24-07/18/24) for \$223.58, dish washer lease (07/19/24-08/18/24) for \$223.58, Jail inmate instruction for July and August for \$3,600.00 for a grand total of \$4,047.16
- Another request was made for \$7,500.00 to purchase a new washer and dryer for the jail.

The jail assessment balance at the end of July is \$256,425.10

Discussion on potential items for the next meeting agenda:

- Update on recruitment of the lateral transfers
- Possible tour of the new remodeled Sheriff's Office at 8 a.m.

Adjourn: A motion made by Supervisor Zarling to adjourn at 9:57 a.m., was seconded by Supervisor Drayna. Motion carried.