

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** September 27, 2024

**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 (zoom), Brandon White, Karl Zarling (zoom)

Others present were: Chief Deputy Donald Hunter, Sheriff Travis Maze (zoom), County Administrator Ben Wehmeier

Absent: Mary Roberts

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

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of the August 23, 2024 meeting minutes:** A motion was made by Supervisor White, and seconded by Supervisor Zarling that the August 23, 2024 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

**Communications:** None

### **Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:**

- Chief Deputy Hunter informed the committee that the speed grant is finishing up this month and the department is currently behind by about \$25,000. This is due to staffing shortages within the department and Jefferson Police Department not being able to contribute due to their staffing.
- Sheriff Maze added that he was able to speak with the regional director for the grant and was told that this will not impact being eligible for future grants due to many departments facing the same issue.
- The grant rules were changed and starting October 1, 2024 the department can start using the grant money from 2025 already. Currently the department received \$84,000 seat belt grant and a \$84,000 speed grant for 2025 which start on October 1, 2024.
- Sheriff Maze also informed the committee that the department received a federal bullet proof vest grant which will cover half of the expense of new vests for deputies.

### **Report from the Sheriff:**

- Chief Hunter spoke on the department move back into the remodeled Sheriff's Office this week. After a year apart, everyone is now under the same roof again.
- All background checks have been completed and two new hires started September 23 bringing the total deputy shortage to 19 overall. Still short 1 jail captain and 1 full time dispatcher.
- Deputy Heine was promoted to Support Services Sergeant and no retirements or

- resignations. Currently 5 internal candidates to fill 2 vacant spots in support services.
- Currently the jail has 1 deputy on deployment, 21 fully trained deputies, 3 in training, and 162 overtime shifts for September. The patrol division has 21 fully trained deputies with 68 overtime shifts for September.
  - Administrator Wehmeier briefly spoke of the changes to the Civil Service Ordinance only as it pertains to new hires no longer being required to interview in front of Civil Service.

**Update on Lateral Patrol Transfers**

- Sheriff informed the committee that there were 6 applications however the department only interviewed 3. The command staff only decided to go ahead with 2 of them with the first being Deputy Posanski who is currently in the jail. There was another application submitted and that candidate will be interviewed next week Tuesday. The hope is to get the transfers on Patrol by October 21, 2024.
- Chief spoke on the goal is to fill all 6 positions that the MOU with the union will allow.

**Update on Communications Project:**

- Chief told the committee that there is a high percentage of coverage with the new system.
- Sheriff spoke on “Tango, Tango” application and how the test period has been extended and it is working well.

**Review monthly bills and financial items (August):** – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for August 2024 bills in the amount of \$195,186.58. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

**Report on the budget:**

- Chief informed the committee that the budget is on track the only abnormality is the shooting range due to the generator that was installed.

**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:**

- Bill was presented for dish washer lease (08/19/24-09/18/24) for \$221.41

The jail assessment balance at the end of August is \$258,375.72

**Discussion on potential items for the next meeting agenda:** None

**Adjourn:** A motion made by Supervisor White to adjourn at 9:34 a.m., was seconded by Supervisor Zarling. Motion carried.