

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: 02/28/2025

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morris at 8:31 a.m.

Roll Call: Members of the committee present were: Dwayne Morris, David Drayna, Brandon White, Mary Roberts, Karl Zarling (zoom)

Others present were: Chief Deputy Donald Hunter, Sheriff Travis Maze, Undersheriff Jerry Haferman Corporation, Interim County Administrator Michael Luckey

Absent: Counsel Danielle Thompson

Certification of Compliance with open meetings law: Interim County Administrator Michael Luckey certified compliance with the open meetings law.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of the January 25, 2025 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Supervisor Drayna and seconded by Supervisor White that the January 25, 2025 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Introduction of Policy Oversight Department Heads (Medical Examiner)

- ME Donovan spoke to the committee on her department numbers for 2024. Traffic fatalities are the same, drug deaths are down but the case count is up due to the increased number of cremations. For 2024 the case load was about 700 cases. The office has been running smoothly having a fulltime chief deputy. Currently training 4 new investigators and are fully staffed just have some medical leave that is happening.
- ME Donovan informed the committee that her office is involved in the overdose death team, child death review team, and the suicide prevention team as well.

Communications:

- Sheriff Maze informed the committee that there was a citizen thank you for the Sheriff's office help finding a child who wanted to self-harm.
- There were two commendations for Deputy Dahnert and one for Deputy Roehl, Danner, Sergeant Brandenburg, and Sergeant Agnew.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- Sheriff Maze spoke on how the current grants (Seat belt and speed enforcement) have been cut in half since being awarded them.
- The Sheriff's Office is looking at another PSAP grant for the next round.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Sheriff informed the committee that Sergeant Chad Roberts will be promoted on 03/09/25 to Jail Sergeant. Undersheriff will be training the jail captain for a few weeks and then Chief Deputy Hunter will be training the Undersheriff after before retiring in June.
- The Sheriff's Office received several donations to the K-9 unit as well as one donation that did not specify where to use it.
- Swearing in Ceremony will be April 16 at 9L30 a.m. in Judge Dehring's Courtroom.
- Sheriff Maze informed the committee that the Sheriff's Office has no authority for a civil arrest warrant (ICE) and will not be acting on the Executive Order from the president unless a crime is committed.
- Chief Deputy Hunter informed the committee that currently the Sheriff's Office is 11 deputies short. 2 retirements are coming up 1 patrol sergeant in March and a jail deputy in April. Jail and patrol will both be 1 sergeant short for awhile due to staffing. There were 2 resignations but 4 conditional job offers for new jail deputies. Dispatch had 1 retirement in January and another dispatcher resigning in March. There is a conditional job offer for 1 dispatcher and 1 currently in training.
- For December the jail had 19 fully training, 4 in training, 1 deployed and 190 overtime shifts. For January 18 fully training, 8 in training, 1 deployed, and 180 overtime shifts. For February 23 fully trained, 6 in training, 1 deployed, and 157 overtime shifts.
- For December Patrol had 22 fully training, 1 in training, and 62 overtime shifts. For January 22 fully trained, 1 in training, and 37 overtime shifts. For February 22 fully trained, 2 in training, and 56 overtime shifts.

Update on Lateral Patrol Transfers

- Chief Deputy Hunter spoke on how the 3 lateral transfers are doing great and there is one more candidate with a conditional job offering looking to start in March.

Review monthly bills and financial items (November & December- Preliminary): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for November 2025 bills in the amount of \$142,859.47 and December-Preliminary 2025 bills in the amount of 4223,978.94. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on the budget:

- Chief Deputy informed the committee that the Sheriff's Office came in 1.8 million under budget mainly because of the deputy shortage.

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 (11/19/24-12/18/24) for \$221.41, dish washer lease (12/19/24-12/31/24) for \$92.85, Jail inmate instruction for November and December for \$3,600.00, Southern Health Partners for \$47,056.48, and Jail Recreation yard for \$50,000.00 for a grand total of \$100,970.74

The jail assessment balance at the end of December is \$281,093.93

Discussion on potential items for the next meeting agenda:

- LEPC, EMS work group
- CJCC speak to committee
- DA speak to committee

Adjourn: A motion made by Supervisor Roberts to adjourn at 10:01 a.m., was seconded by Supervisor White. Motion carried.