

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: June 27, 2008

JOINT LAW ENFORCEMENT/ADMINISTRATION AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING

The first part of the meeting was a joint meeting with the Administration and Rules Committee. This joint meeting was called to order by Sharon Schmeling at 8:30 a.m. Roll call was taken. Admin. and Rules Committee members present were Sharon Schmeling, Jim Mode, Paul Babcock and James Braughler. Absent was Steve Nass. Law Enforcement Committee members present were: Paul Babcock, Glen Borland, George Jaeckel, Rick Kuhlman, Pam Rogers.

County Administrator Gary Petre assured compliance with open meetings law requirements. The agenda was reviewed. There was no public comment.

Rick Kuhlman made a motion to adjourn to closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e) to consider negotiations and contracting relating to proposals for the Sheriff's Office Operations Audit. Jim Mode seconded and the motion carried. The committee adjourned to closed session at 8:34 a.m.

Presentations were given first from Northwestern and then from Virchow Krause & Co. regarding their audit proposals. The committee members then discussed the information received.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. a motion was made by Rick Kuhlman to re-convene to open session and was seconded by Paul Babcock. Motion carried.

At that time a motion was made by Pam Rogers of the Law Enforcement Committee to recommend that Virchow Krause and Company be chosen to conduct the operational audit of the Sheriff's Office. Glen Borland seconded. A vote was taken and is as follows: Pam Rogers – aye, Glen Borland – aye, Paul Babcock – aye, George Jaeckel – nay, Rick Kuhlman – nay. Motion passed for recommendation by a vote of three to two.

A motion was then made by Jim Mode of the Administration and Rules Committee to recommend Northwestern be chosen to conduct the audit. James Braughler seconded. A vote was taken and is as follows: Jim Mode – aye, James Braughler – aye, Sharon Schmeling – nay, Paul Babcock – nay. Since the vote concluded with a two to two tie, the motion failed.

Results of the voting will be presented to the County Board at their next meeting on July 8, 2008.

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 10:48 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, Rick Kuhlman, Glen Borland, George Jaeckel and Pam Rogers.

Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Stapleton, Captain Brown, Captain Parker, Sharon Schmeling, Gary Petre

Absent: No one was absent.

Compliance with open meetings law: Gary Petre assured compliance with open meetings law.

Approve agenda: The item regarding the reverse 9-1-1 discussion (#9) was moved up to first on the agenda following public comment. The Sheriff's Report was moved down to item #9.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Rick Kuhlman, and seconded by George Jaeckel that the May 23, 2008 minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Discussion regarding CodeRED system (reverse 9-1-1): Sharon Schmeling began by saying this item was one that has come up in the past in regard to emergency situations. The system would enable call-outs to particular neighborhoods and with the recent flooding it would have been an advantage to have this in place. The technology is readily available and would be usable in many scenarios. The system would be a budget expense; however, would be worth the expense. Chief Deputy Stapleton added that CodeRED is a company name and there are other companies that have the technology for reverse 9-1-1. He said that the system can be targeted for communities, neighborhoods, streets, zip codes, etc. The Sheriff's Office has worked with the "A Child is Missing" program which also uses this technology. The cost for a system like this would be approximately \$25,000.00 annually. Rick Kuhlman asked if there was any way to approach the local communities about contributing toward the cost of the program. Chief Deputy Stapleton said yes, it would be possible to do that. Sheriff Milbrath also added that there are some things they are looking at to perhaps reduce the cost. George Jaeckel asked about the ability to call cell phone numbers. Chief Deputy Stapleton said that he understood that the system called registered 9-1-1 numbers and that cell phones probably could be added. But that is one of the questions that would need to be asked.

Sharon Schmeling said that she just wanted the committee to start talking about the program and the possibility of getting it going. Chief Deputy Stapleton said he would put the item in the budget and at next month's meeting have more information regarding the system. At that time the committee can have additional discussion and perhaps recommend it go forward to the finance committee.

Review of board rules as they pertain to the Law Enforcement Committee: This item was tabled again until the next Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Southeast Wisconsin Mutual Aid Agreement for County Emergency Management Assistance: Donna was not in attendance at the meeting due to flooding issues so Sheriff Milbrath gave a brief explanation of this item to the committee members. He said that the agreement would be with surrounding counties in case these areas need assistance. It's more of a regional approach to emergency management. In case of a disaster, this agreement would be in place to allow the affected community/area the ability to receive specific assistance from surrounding counties and would also assist in receiving reimbursement for those services.

Reschedule various meeting dates: The November meeting is scheduled for the Friday following Thanksgiving and the courthouse is closed on that day. After some discussion, the November meeting was scheduled for Friday, November 14 at 8:30 a.m. (As a side note, the meeting in November will follow an Emergency Management meeting that takes the place of the Law Enforcement meeting in October. Emergency Management meetings are held quarterly – January, April, July, and October; the Law Enforcement Committee meetings are scheduled for all the

months not designated as an Emergency Management meeting.) The December meeting currently is scheduled for the day after Christmas and that meeting was changed to Wednesday, December 17 at 8:30 a.m.

Report from the Sheriff: Paul Babcock asked if the Sheriff could update the committee members on the recent drug bust reported in the papers. Chief Deputy Stapleton said they have known this was coming since last summer. An individual gave up some information about drug dealing in the area. It became a very large case and the federal government became involved. There were many people involved in the drug ring. The U.S. Attorney General's Office, the Federal and State DEA (Drug Enforcement Agencies), the Dodge County Drug Task Force and the Jefferson County Drug Task Force were all involved in the investigation. A couple weeks ago, search warrants were issued for each of the residences resulting in 15 arrests, confiscation of 16 vehicles, weapons, and numerous cell phones, as well as a large amount of cash and drugs. All the units involved were coordinated extremely well, everything went very smoothly and no injuries occurred as a result. Federal indictments have been issued on all the subjects arrested.

In regard to the flooding, Sheriff Milbrath said he was happy with how everything turned out with the administration of the Emergency Operations Center and it worked a lot better than he originally thought it would. The coordination and cooperation between all the agencies involved was seamless. Resources were stretched pretty thin but everyone jumped in and worked together. Many, many volunteers helped; some worked in the EOC center, and hundreds helped filling and placing sandbags. FEMA has been here and the county has been declared a disaster area. In addition, FEMA is inspecting infrastructures today (such as the water treatment plant).

Discussion held on monthly bills. – The committee approved the monthly recap report for May bills in the amount of \$134,969.06. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Monthly Jail/Activity reports: Jail and activity reports were reviewed.

Jail assessment fund items: None

A motion made by Rick Kuhlman to adjourn at 11:27 a.m., was seconded by Pam Rogers. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 5 Lost: 0 .

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