

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: August 22, 2008

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock; George Jaeckel; Pam Rogers.

Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath; Chief Deputy Stapleton; Captain Scott; Captain Brown

Absent: Glen Borland; Rick Kuhlman

Compliance with open meetings law: Chief Deputy Stapleton assured compliance.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Pam Rogers, and seconded by George Jaeckel that the June 27, 2008 minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Review of board rules as they pertain to the Law Enforcement Committee: Chief Deputy Stapleton said that every two years when the committee is realigned this item is to be placed the meeting agenda. He added that some committees probably have some specific rules and regulations that they must follow and review every couple years. Paul Babcock said he would speak with Phil or Sharon to see if this item needs to be resolved on the agenda and/or if the committee needs to take some specific action on it.

Discussion and recommendation regarding CodeRED system (reverse 9-1-1): Chief Deputy Stapleton responded to questions brought up at the last meeting by George Jaeckel regarding cell phone numbers being added. He also added that CodeRED is only one company of many out there that offers Reverse 9-1-1 capability. The Chief said, after talking with a couple of vendors, that in many cases the cell phone is the "home" phone and the number would be automatically downloaded to the list. In addition, those phones that have minutes that are purchased and not assigned to a specific person or address (as in Trac phones) probably could be added manually to the list by possibly accessing a link on the Sheriff's Office website or mailing a form in, etc. There has been some contact with various vendors for this service by members of the Sheriff's Office and it's all across the board as far as costs and services available. The Chief added that he has no recommendation in the 2009 budget because there is such a variety of vendors and services and this probably should be looked at more closely to get hard numbers before adding to the budget in the future. One company that the chief called offered many services and would do it all for a mere \$84,000.00 per year. CodeRED is approximately \$25,000 to \$30,000 per year for the services they provide. In addition, Chief Deputy Stapleton said there has been some speculation that there may be a statewide system (through Homeland Security) coming in to place down the road. It will be a big decision to make so taking time to see what is out there and what may be coming in the future would be sensible.

Paul Babcock asked if there were any costs associated with Amber Alert. Chief Deputy Stapleton said that the program is a national one that is run locally. Neither the Chief nor Sheriff is aware of any cost associated with putting out Amber Alerts. In addition, the Chief said that there is very

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specific criteria that needs to be met in order for an Amber Alert to be broadcast.

Report from the Sheriff: Sheriff Milbrath said that there is really not a lot going on but that the Sheriff's Office did start the audit process on Monday. The Northwestern representatives came and sat down with the command staff to discuss the process and then went with the captains for a tour and more information. They left a shopping list of data they want that will help them, and those items are currently being put together or have been sent. As an initial impression, the representatives seemed to be impressed by the way things are operating and the amount of information available to them.

Chief Deputy Stapleton talked a little about the budget. He said that the numbers haven't changed since the last time he talked to the committee. However, he did say that he just learned of a county board resolution that increased the wages for nurses. This means an increase for the Sheriff's Office budget by \$24,000.00 annually. The Chief added that the accounts that he has control over have basically stayed the same or decreased, but the accounts that he has no control over have increased significantly. He said that in the future there will likely be discussion about privatizing the rest of the jail medical program. Right now the jail has contracted with a corporation that provides a doctor and prescriptions at a much lower rate because of the volume of participants in their program. The nurses are still county employees from the Health Department which allowed a cost savings at the time the contract was agreed upon. Now that may change with the wage increase and the Sheriff's Office will probably need to look at the availability of this service from a privatized company in order to keep the costs down. Both the Sheriff and Chief Deputy said they will need to take a look at this and the Law Enforcement Committee will be discussing the issue probably in the near future as well.

Paul Babcock asked how things were going with park patrolling. The Sheriff said that things were going well and Captain Brown added that the JCEC's were working in the parks at this time. The Sheriff said there has been very little vandalism going on and all the other issues have also been at a minimum.

Discussion held on monthly bills. – The committee approved the monthly recap report for June and July bills in the amounts of \$161,276.06 and \$162,311.24, respectively. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. Brief discussion came up about a spreadsheet item for a proposed main entrance design.

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

Jail assessment fund items: None this month. Chief Deputy Stapleton said that probably next month the committee will get an assessment fund item to replace loose tiles and fix grout in the jail area to get ready for the state inspection coming up soon.

The next meeting will be on Friday, September 26, 2008. Following meeting dates will be October 24, November 14, and December 17.

A motion made by George Jaeckel to adjourn at 8:58 a.m., was seconded by Pam Rogers. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 1 Lost: 0 .

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