

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: August 26, 2016

Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:32 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Kirk Lund, Dwayne Morris, Ed Morse, Michael Wineke
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker, County Admin Ben Wehmeier, Corp Counsel Blair Ward, Captain Scott, Jim Schroeder

Absent: Dick Schultz

Compliance with open meetings law: County Administrator Wehmeier assured compliance.

Review agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Public Comment: None

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Michael Wineke, and seconded by Kirk Lund that the June 24, 2016 minutes be approved as printed.

Communications: None

Discussion regarding the Jefferson County Shooting Range in Lake Mills:

- Corp Counsel Blair Ward gave a summary of the last meeting regarding Attorney Kiesling and his client being present and discussing the county's usage of the range that is adjacent to their property. Various ideas were exchanged between the committee as there was no ability for a vote to be taken on this as it was only put on the agenda as information. No action was taken on this matter.
- Corp Counsel Ward stated that he is working with Andy Erdman from Land Conservation who has gotten some numbers from some people who appraise land. One estimate was \$3,000, another was \$2,000, and another appraisal was as low as \$500. At this point no action was taken on this matter. It was strictly an information only session.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- Sheriff Milbrath reported that he has been hitting some walls when it comes to the 3-D scanner grant. They either don't exist anymore as they are available for a short term or they don't match with our capacity. He has kind of been backing off on it to see what our other options are at this time. While they are a very nice piece of equipment, they are very hard to budget because of the expense. However, he would still like to obtain it as it would be very beneficial for traffic accident scenes, crime scenes, and the ability to 3-D map schools.
- Right now, Sheriff is working on a keystone grant from LD Foods, based out of Japan.
- The traffic grants are winding down right now. Chief Parker added that we have been having a 4:1 citation/warning ratio.
- Sheriff Milbrath is also focusing on smaller \$500-\$1,000 grants. He stated that with one more \$500 grant we will have enough to install the new generator in Palmyra.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Sheriff Milbrath reported that this week on two separate occasions and last week on one occasion the Sheriff's Office has received "gifts" from the community.
- Last week, some students and staff members from St. Coletta's came in and brought a homemade canvas plaque and homemade cards thanking the deputies for help in the community.
- This week we had two families bring in treats for the officers.
- One family was 3 children and their mother who brought in various candy, Powerade drinks, and lifesavers with a message on them.
- The other family with the mother, 23 year old daughter and 15 year old son brought in chips and full size candy bars. The 2nd shift deputies were just getting ready to go out on patrol so were able to meet with them and get pictures taken as well.
- Then yesterday, a group of 6 kids came in and said that they had a lemonade stand and would like to donate half of their profits to the K-9 unit. They ended up donating over \$100.
- All of these pictures that were taken will be posted on the Jefferson County Sheriff's Facebook page. The Sheriff also stated that this was a huge boost for all of the deputies.
- Sheriff also passed out Green Bay Packers cards that he received from J&L Tire. This is something J&L has been doing for quite some time and people from as far as Milwaukee have been known to come to J&L to get the packs of cards.
- Sheriff spoke about the success of the Drug Take-Back program.
- We have now lost one deputy. Also, about the deputy that has been out on extended medical leave, there is a feeling that there is a potential for medical retirement. We have requested to have an Independent Medical Examination.
- Chief Deputy Parker spoke about the problems we have been having with the squad cars and the propane system with the Chevy Tahoes. They have figured out the issue – it is a bleeding valve that is causing the vehicles to stall out and then not restart.
- No one has been able to successfully install the propane system into the Tahoes.
- There were a few gentlemen from Michigan here this week and they believe they have found a way to fix the problem. They are going to develop a valve or pump system that will bleed off the vapor that is causing the vehicles to stall.
- They have also realized that the problem will probably fix itself soon too as the weather turns colder and there won't be the pressurized vapor issue with the turn in weather.
- There has not been the same problem with Ford vehicles as their propane component is external from the motor. GM installed it under the manifold.
- Michael Wineke asked that if/when the vehicle shuts down on propane, can it be switched to gas as to not become a safety issue. Sheriff replied that yes, it can be easily switched over to gas, but it has start-up problems and/or stalling shortly after start-up.
- Chief Deputy Parker also stated that he has spoken with United Co-Op about the contract we have with them for 55,000-60,000 gallons of propane that we will most likely not be using this year. They informed him that they will not charge the county a penalty fee and will take back the extra at no charge.
- The 2015 & 2016 vehicles have all been switched over to propane except the K-9 squads.
- Sheriff Milbrath did inquire with the gentlemen from Michigan about some kind of

compensation for us because of all the issues we have had. They have agreed to either a free system or to swap out a K-9 squad with a Ford vehicle and a system.

Review monthly bills and financial items (June & July): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for June 2016 bills in the amount of \$136,017.22 and July 2016 bills in the amount of \$347,823.12. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on budget:

- Chief Deputy Parker stated that at this point in the year, we should be at 58.33% within the budget.
- At this time, we are \$26,000 over budget, however, new squads have just been purchased and this is a lump sum, not spread out over the rest of the year.
- The jail is over \$145,000 – the majority of this is overtime. We currently have 2 officers at the academy so we are paying their wages and paying to cover their shifts with overtime.
- The concept of having incentives was brought up. This would include different ways to persuade people to not use their sick days as they earn them, but to keep them for when the time is actually needed.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Jail and patrol activity reports were not available.

Jail assessment fund items: General fund items for the month totaling \$8,053.60 which included \$345.95 to ZBM for jail upkeep supplies for June, \$3,500 to Jefferson Co Literacy Council for Jail Inmate Instruction for July & August, \$1,395 to Interstate Power Systems Inc for the annual inspection of the emergency generator, \$1,873.73 to IWM Corp for the cooling tower treatment (60% of cost), and \$938.92 to Luedtke Plumbing Inc for the central control restroom repairs (50% of cost).

The jail assessment balance at the end of July is \$181,169.78.

Agenda Items: None.

Adjourn

Next meeting date is September 23, 2016 – Room 202

A motion made by Kirk Lund to adjourn at 9:45a.m., was seconded by Michael Wineke. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 4 Lost: 0.