

## **COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** October 27, 2017

Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:55 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Kirk Lund, Dwayne Morris, Michael Wineke, Ed Morse  
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker

Absent: Dick Schultz

**Compliance with open meetings law:** Chief Deputy Parker assured compliance.

**Review agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of minutes:** A motion was made by Ed Morse, and seconded by Michael Wineke that the September 22, 2017 minutes be approved as printed.

**Communications:** None.

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

- Patrol Captain Haferman has reached out to Wis-BOTS (Bureau of Transportation Safety) to determine if the Sheriff's Office will qualify for any grants in 2018. The Sheriff's Office has applied for the seatbelt and OWI grants and should find out in mid-November if either grant was acquired for 2018.
- The Sheriff's Office has received a grant for a tracking bracelet from Project Lifesaver which will be given to someone who has had a traumatic brain injury or is autistic that will help in locating them in the event that they become lost or wander away. Jefferson County has two receivers that will pick up the signal from the bracelet to locate the missing person. There is a \$300 initial set-up fee and then \$10 per month for a replacement battery.

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

- The Sheriff's Office hired two deputies, Sheri Larson and Michael Stricker. They will start on Monday, October 30. There are still 2-3 openings that the Sheriff's Office hopes to fill before the end of the year.
- In regards to the Lake Mills tower project the Sheriff's Office is attempting to place equipment on the west bound tower; Communications are no longer connected to State Patrol, they have merged with Emergency Management and all projects have been put on hold. The Sheriff is hopeful that this project will continue to move forward.
- Sheriff Milbrath attended the public hearing in Waterloo concerning the conditional use permit request by the Sheriff's Office to allow construction of a 60' communications radio tower. The permit request was granted and passed the City Council unanimously. Some Waterloo citizens have asked for a climbing shield to be added to the tower along with a fence surrounding the tower to prevent people from attempting to climb the tower. This request was approved.

- This weekend, there is a state-wide drug take back movement where there is a big push for people to turn in old medications.
- The Sheriff's Office has partnered with NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) and Madison radio station, WJJO, to put together a fundraiser to raise money for Project Lifesaver & NAMI. The fundraiser will take place at the Lake Mills bowling alley on a date to be determined.
- The Sheriff's Office has come to a tentative settlement with I-Comm. At this time, I-Comm owes the Sheriff's Office approximately \$40,000. I-Comm has made a proposal to pay the Sheriff's Office \$19,487 in November, and \$19,487 in January. They have agreed to remove the propane systems in November, and have also agreed to give the Sheriff's Office a credit of \$10,000 for the mechanics time over the years to be used towards future systems.
- Currently, the Sheriff's Office is testing a propane system on a Ford Explorer that a K-9 officer is driving. There have been no problems thus far with this system.
- The Sheriff's Office has budgeted for three Ford Explorers and propane systems next year. These systems are \$8,000 less on Ford Explorers than on the Chevy Tahoes.
- Chief Deputy Parker reported that Wisconsin counties are commencing class action lawsuits against the opioid manufacturers, and that he has been asked to start looking into the costs that have incurred by the Sheriff's Office such as health care and officer response.
- Chief Deputy Parker spoke about the new residential development that is being started next to the Jefferson County Training Facility. As of now, there appears to be apartment buildings being built adjacent to the shooting range being used for training purposes.
- There have been no communications as of yet with the Sheriff's Office concerning the building of these complexes and their proximity of the shooting range.
- Possible solutions discussed are: construct a fence between the apartment buildings and the range and possibly erect a hardened baffling system (concrete foundation). A few years ago an estimate was received for a concrete foundation at approximately \$250,000.
- Sheriff Milbrath reported that Mabel Schumacher donated \$1,000 towards the K-9 and Charles and Marlene Schick donated \$35 towards communications.

**Review monthly bills and financial items (August & September):** – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for August 2017 bills in the amount of \$116,697.03 and September 2017 bills in the amount of \$134,297.20. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

**Report on budget:** At the end of September, the Sheriff's Office was at 74.77% or \$104,141 under budget. This does not include any capital or carryovers at this time. At the beginning of the year, there was \$6,376 in the K-9 account. At the end of September, that amount is at \$8,804 due to donations taken throughout the year.

**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 \$4,698.63 which included \$3,600 to Jefferson County Literacy Council for jail inmate instruction for September

and October and \$1,098.63 to IWM Corporation for 60% of the cost for the Cooling and Boiler Treatment for September and October.

The jail assessment balance at the end of September is \$196,055.55.

**Agenda Items:** None.

**Adjourn**

Next meeting date is November 17, 2017.

A motion made by Kirk Lund to adjourn at 10:15 a.m., was seconded by Michael Wineke.  
Motion carried.