

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: August 24, 2018

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Dwayne Morris at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Members of the committee present were: Kirk Lund, Dwayne Morris, Greg David, Brandon White, James Braugler

Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker, Corporation Counsel Blair Ward, County Administrator Ben Wehmeier

Absent: none.

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of the July 27, 2018 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Greg David, and seconded by Kirk Lund that the July 27, 2018 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- ❖ There are smaller grants Sheriff Milbrath has been working on. Alliant Energy has a new grant in October that the Sheriff's Office will be able to apply for.
- ❖ Chief Deputy Parker and Patrol Captain Haferman will be setting up a face-to-face meeting with the Bureau of Transportation-Safety for next year's grants since Jefferson County did not qualify for any grants this year due to the Sheriff's Office doing so well with these grants in the past.

Report from the Sheriff:

- ❖ The Sheriff's Office hired three new deputies in August who are now in the Police Academy.
- ❖ Jefferson County has been receiving a lot of out-of-county sex offenders, mainly from Milwaukee/Racine/Kenosha counties. However, placement options in Jefferson County for sex offenders are almost to capacity. This can change if more houses/placement facilities become available.
- ❖ County Administrator and Corporation Counsel are actively working with State Legislators to challenge these placements because the intent of the new law is to not have these offenders placed outside of their county of residence.
- ❖ Sex offenders are subject to random checks by parole agents and have "chaperones" for any trips outside the placement facility; many offenders have medical requirements and alcohol use restrictions. They also are part of counseling

programs and have agent contact 2-3 times per week, sometimes including Department of Corrections and Department of Health Services contact as well.

- ❖ Regarding the Radio Communications Project, the county has received several RFPs and has narrowed a potential vendor down to three competent companies to choose from.
- ❖ The new propane systems that have been installed on the squads have been operating flawlessly.

Review monthly bills and financial items (June & July): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for June 2018 bills in the amount of \$301,806.73 and July 2018 bills in the amount of \$140,773.23. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on the budget: The Sheriff's Office is running a tight budget this year, largely due to the increased amount of overtime. Due to the difficulties of hiring certified candidates, the Sheriff's Office hires non-certified deputies who are then sent to the Police Academy to become certified. While the new deputy is in school, the Sheriff's Office needs to fill the open shifts with overtime. Chief Deputy Parker will be taking a group of newer Jefferson County deputies to the Police Academy to have lunch with some of the students to discuss career opportunities with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

The Patrol Division is almost at a break-even point within its budget due to the savings by using propane instead of gas to fuel patrol vehicles. The Jail Division is over budget right now, however, this is mostly due to the overtime that is being worked because of the new deputies attending school.

Reimbursement from the State of Wisconsin for housing state inmates in the County jail has not been received yet. The jail budget will be closer to where it should be after funds are received.

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

Discussion and Possible action on approving jail assessment fund purchases: General fund items for the month totaling \$5,778.68 which included a \$88.28 credit from Interstate Power Systems Inc. for a sales tax credit from the annual inspection of the emergency generator, \$490 to Jefferson Glass Inc. to replace the sliding visitation door in the Pod, \$1,776.96 to IWM Corporation for 60% of the cost for the cooling tower treatment, and \$3,600 to the Jefferson County Literacy Council for jail inmate instruction for July and August. The jail assessment balance at the end of July is \$286,427.65.

At the last meeting, the committee approved \$11,000 for an electrical update for the new video visitation services. However, just before the project was going to be started, the Sheriff's Office received notice that there is electrical already in place that will be sufficient for the system, so the update was not needed.

Jail Captain Scott passed out nurses notes (with names of inmates redacted) of the last 5 days of checks due to the complaints of medical services the Sheriff's Office has received from some inmates.

Discussion on potential items for the September 28, 2018 meeting agenda:

- ❖ The committee asked to have Agenda #10 and 11 combined as the items are generally discussed at the same time.

Next meeting date: September 28, 2018.

Adjourn: A motion made by Kirk Lund to adjourn at 10:00 a.m., was seconded by Greg David. Motion carried.