

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: June 28, 2019

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Kirk Lund at 8:35 a.m.

Roll Call: Members of the committee present were: Kirk Lund. Temporary committee members present were County Supervisor Augie Tietz, County Supervisor Steve Nass, and County Supervisor Russell Kutz

Others present were: Sheriff Paul Milbrath, Chief Deputy Jeff Parker, Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward

Absent: Dwayne Morris, Greg David, Brandon White, James Braugher

Certification of Compliance with open meetings law: Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward certified compliance with the open meetings law.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of the May 24, 2019 meeting minutes: A motion was made by Steve Nass, and seconded by Russell Kutz that the May 24, 2019 minutes approval be postponed until the next meeting as there were no members present that were at the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Communications:

- Sheriff Milbrath stated that the Sheriff's Office has received thank you recognitions from citizens for deputies doing a good job.

Discussion and possible action on amending the Jefferson County Boating Ordinance to include additional no wake areas of the Rock River:

- Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward explained the concern that was voiced by the owner of the Island Bar in Koshkonong located on the Rock River regarding wakes created by boaters causing safety concerns for patrons and other boaters in the area. It was then proposed to make this area of the Rock River a no wake zone at all times. After approval by this committee, the proposal will then go to the County Board, DNR, and then there will need to be permission of the adjacent land owners to place the buoys. After discussion, it was decided to reword the opening paragraph and Section 1 to "upon the rivers and streams in Jefferson County" from "upon the waters of the Rock River" to make it clear that Jefferson County may amend the ordinance in the future to include rivers and streams in addition to the Rock River.
- Steve Nass made a motion to make the changes as noted; Augie Tietz seconded. Motion carried.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- Sheriff Milbrath stated that the Sheriff's Office has been approved for a \$5,000 propane

- grant from Wisconsin Petroleum.
- The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office K-9 Unit received a \$1,200 donation from a church for doing a demonstration during the church's Vacation Bible School.
- Sheriff Milbrath will be writing for a larger Enbridge grant that will be used to purchase SWAT and Search & Rescue equipment.

Report from the Sheriff:

- Captain Paul Wallace will be retiring July 5 and Captain Jerry Haferman will be retiring August 2.
- The Sheriff's Office is eight deputies short; there was a test last Saturday to create a new hiring list that Sheriff Milbrath states is a good group of candidates to interview.
- Interviews to replace two Detective Sergeant positions and one Patrol Sergeant position are taking place next week. Testing for the Jail Sergeant position will take place next week.
- There are five deputies that just completed the Jail Academy and will now be starting the 12 week FTO (Field Training Officer) Program.
- The Sheriff's Office has recently acquired three drones and deputies are going through training on how to operate them with the WI Police Drone Association.
- Chief Deputy Parker stated that the 2020 budget process has been started.

Update on Communications Project:

- The RFP is out and the County is waiting for vendors to come forward to bid on the project. Vendors will have 90 days to come up with and submit their outline of the project for approval.
- The Jefferson and Palmyra towers will need to be replaced to accommodate the new equipment needed for the upgraded system.

Review monthly bills and financial items (May): – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for May 2019 bills in the amount of \$113,439.84. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Report on the budget: At this time in the year, the Sheriff's Office should be operating at 41.66%. The jail continues to be over budget with overtime operating at 55.1% due to the shortage of deputies. The patrol division is under budget with overtime operating at 40%. Overall, the Sheriff's Office is operating at 40.66% in revenue and 41.83% in expenditures. There is still \$105,000 outstanding in board billing to be received for the state inmates the Sheriff's Office is housing.

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:

The Committee received a report on jail assessment fund purchases for the month totaling \$3,735.950. Payment was made to US Foods for the dishwasher monthly lease payment in the amount of \$135.95 for May, and the Jefferson County Literacy Council in the amount of \$3,600 for jail inmate instruction for May and June. No action was taken.

The jail assessment balance at the end of May is \$236,938.82.

Discussion on potential items for the July 26, 2019 meeting agenda:

None.

Next meeting date: July 26, 2019. (Emergency Management)

Adjourn: A motion made by Steve Nass to adjourn at 10:10 a.m., was seconded by Augie Tietz. Motion carried.