

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE: September 27, 2019

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, James Braughler

Others present were: Chief Deputy Jeff Parker, Corporation Counsel J. Blair Ward, County Administrator Ben Wehmeier, Frankie Fuller

Absent: Brandon White

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of the August 30, 2019 meeting minutes: A motion was made by James Braughler, and seconded by Kirk Lund that the August 30, 2019 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Grants - Update of ongoing or new grants:

- Chief Deputy Parker stated that the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office has received approximately \$9,000 to \$10,000 for the propane grants which will be used to purchase additional propane systems for the squads in 2020.
- The Traffic Safety grant has been completed for 2019.
- The Sheriff's Office is sending one individual to a grant writing school to be able to write a grant to receive money for converting the records system to an IBR system which is a Federal mandate to be completed by 2021.

Report from the Sheriff:

- The City of Lake Mills has cleared the land and run the electrical at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Training Facility to be able to construct the pole shed which should be completed by the end of October 2019.
- The Sheriff's Office is looking into options for the west property line at the Training Facility. Options include clearing an 8 foot area for a fence to be erected which in total could cost around \$20,000.
- The Sheriff's Office has four vacant deputy sheriff positions which the Sheriff intends to fill by the end of 2019.
- The Sheriff's Office is in the process of hiring additional part time deputies to perform extraditions in 2020. Currently, the Sheriff's Office uses a prisoner transport company which is becoming less cost effective than using Jefferson County personnel.

- Two deputies have been promoted to Detective, Dale Punzel and Adam Kleist.
- The Jail Capital account is going to be used to replace fractured jail windows, to have the venting system cleaned, to have the plumbing accesses repaired and replaced, to update the electrical lighting to LED.
- Deputy Union contract negotiations begin the first week of October.
- The Sheriff's Office has started a new team – the Police Officer Support Team (P.O.S.T.) which is the first peer on peer support team in Jefferson County.

Update on Communications Project:

- Jefferson County received bids from three companies.
- True North will review all bids and make a recommendation to the Sheriff on which bid to accept.

Update on Project Lifesaver:

- Sergeant Jason Behm has formally reached out to the Dementia Specialist at Human Services to continue this program.
- Human Services has received many requests for this program and the Sheriff's Office will be working on getting more deputies updated and trained on the equipment needed for Project Lifesaver.

Review monthly bills and financial items (August): None were available.

Report on the budget: There is limited information available for this month. Chief Deputy Parker stated that the costs of payouts due to retirements are very high this year based on the budget. Approximately \$273,000 has been or will be paid out with regular year end payouts of holiday and accrued compensatory time which will be paid at the end of November and December 2019.

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:
None were available.

Discussion on potential items for the October 25, 2019 meeting agenda: None.

Next meeting date: October 25, 2019. (Emergency Management)

Adjourn: A motion made by Kirk Lund to adjourn at 9:33 a.m., was seconded by Greg David. Motion carried.