

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: December 17, 2009

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:31 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, Rick Kuhlman, Pam Rogers, Glen Borland, George Jaeckel.

Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker, Captain Brown, Captain Scott

Absent: None

Compliance with open meetings law: Sheriff Milbrath and Chief Deputy Parker ensured compliance with open meetings law.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Pam Rogers and seconded by George Jaeckel that the November 19, 2009 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Those present entertained some discussion about the disruption in the courtroom by Mr. Andrew Wirth. Paul Babcock congratulated the Sheriff's Office on their handling of the incident. Chief Deputy Parker also said there has been quite a bit of interest in the video from that morning. Coincidentally, the deputies in the jail had recently been training for situations like this and it looks like the footage will be incorporated into some training videos for other agencies. Chief Deputy Parker said that the deputies did an excellent job containing the situation and he is very proud of them.

Report from the Sheriff: Sheriff Milbrath began by talking about the budget numbers for 2009. Chief Deputy Parker handed out copies of spreadsheets detailing expenditures and revenues for the year. It looks like the Sheriff's Office will be over budget this year due to several circumstances. One, the state had been asking for inmate housing and when we did put in some extra beds (through jail assessment funds) and had space available, the state did not have the funding to house inmates. The Sheriff's Office is hopeful that after the first of the year, state inmates will be housed here. And because the jail was very full for a good portion of the year, there was no space to house outside inmates. As a result, revenue was down considerably for this year. In addition, with the apprehension of Mr. Edwards, the Sheriff's Office also is paying for his housing and medical expenses which are considerable each month (still much less expensive than housing him here). One good piece of news is that the Sheriff's Office is receiving tax rebates on the propane used in squads. Unfortunately, the expenses incurred by Mr. Edwards eat up that rebate amount quickly. Chief Deputy Parker gave the committee members a summary of the budget numbers on the spreadsheets he handed out. Overtime contributed to the shortfall as well although the Sheriff added that the tracking of sick time usage has helped the overtime budget. He also said they took the averages from the last three to five years in some of the areas that have been out of whack in order to bring the budget to a more realistic figure for the current economy. Chief Deputy Parker also cautioned that unforeseen items come along occasionally that can't be controlled (such as Mr. Edwards).

Sheriff Milbrath said that the National Railroad Administration will likely be offering some

vehicle/train accident training in January. He is waiting to hear back from them.

There are a couple retirements this month. Luella Voight, cook in the jail kitchen, will be retiring tomorrow (Dec. 18, 2009) after 31 and a half years with the Sheriff's Office (her position will not be filled for about three months). She will be missed. Also, Deputy Jim Salmon will be retiring on December 30, 2009 after more than 34 years of service. One other retirement will be forthcoming early in 2010. Please feel free to come and have coffee and cake on December 18 with Luella and on December 30 with Jim Salmon.

The Sheriff also said they just picked up a military truck from the surplus area in Waunakee. The cost (\$1,800.00) will be picked up by the Sheriff's Office, the Drug Task Force, and Emergency Management. The truck is in excellent condition and will be used for evacuations, flooding, etc. Pam Rogers inquired as to where the truck was being kept. At this time it is at the annex building but that building is getting full and the Sheriff's Office is looking into additional storage space somewhere else for the time being.

Glen Borland asked about the cost of the security at the front entrance of the courthouse (a constituent has been inquiring). Chief Deputy Parker will e-mail the spreadsheet that was put together for budgetary purposes. It shows the costs and also comparisons to private security.

Pam Rogers asked about bringing the budgetary figures to the Finance Committee for their information. Chief Deputy Parker said he would arrange to be included on their agenda.

Chief Deputy Parker made some additional comments about the great job Patrol Sergeant Brian Olson and the other deputies involved did regarding the Andrew Wirth shooting incident at Rock Bottom. He also commented on a great job done recently by Dispatcher Jean Hoffman in saving a 16-month old baby's life by instructing the parent on how to do the Heimlich when the baby was choking and wasn't breathing. With her help, the mother was able to get the baby breathing again by the time the paramedics arrived.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee approved the monthly recap report for November bills in the amount of \$117,403.78. October bills were finalized in the amount of \$148,900.30. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members.

Review monthly jail and patrol activity reports: Jail and patrol activity reports were reviewed.

Jail assessment fund items: Two items were presented to the committee; one was general fund items for the month. The second was the cost to replace the roof of Section B (over the jail) in the amount of \$36,610.00.

Next meeting date is January 22, 2010. February meeting will be the 26th.

A motion made by Pam Rogers to adjourn at 9:19 a.m., was seconded by George Jaeckel. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 2 Lost: 0 .

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