

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: November 18, 2011

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, Glen Borland, George Jaeckel, Pam Rogers, Dwayne Morris
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, Chief Deputy Parker, Captain Scott, John Molinaro, Gary Petre

Absent: None

Compliance with open meetings law: Gary Petre assured compliance.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Glen Borland, and seconded by George Jaeckel that the October 28, 2011 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Discussion regarding roof/building at Jefferson tower site: The Sheriff said the tower site on the north side of the city has a small, old building that houses a lot of the Sheriff's Office radio equipment. There has been a lot of damage to the equipment this year due to leaks in the roof. The project has been put off for years and maintenance has been making temporary repairs on it but when it rains, the roof leaks and damages or destroys equipment. The last bout of rain took out the repeater system which will cost about \$12,000 to replace. There have been three or four insurance claims and deductibles (\$2,500 each occurrence) this year alone. Laubenstein was finally contracted to put a new roof on the building and it should be done today. Next year it should be framed out over the old bricks on the building as well and sided so the building will last quite a lot longer. Insurance will not continue to pay for more claims on this so it needed to be fixed.

Discussion regarding replacing freezer/floor and damaged drawer slides in the jail kitchen: This actually is the walk-in refrigerators in the jail kitchen. These refrigerators have been in the kitchen since the building was remodeled (1991) and the floors are deteriorating and the seams on the refrigerators are starting to rust. It looks like it will cost around \$8,000.00 to repair. The kitchen supervisor only has one estimate and is looking for other companies to provide more. He will try for another week or so. In addition, the drawer slides need to be replaced. The cost for that will be approximately \$2,100. The jail inspector noted these items on his inspection. Chief Deputy Parker also mentioned that the jail kitchen has a license for catering so upkeep on equipment is essential for both of these reasons. The cost of the repairs will be taken from jail assessment funds.

Review/recommend RFP for communications radio system equipment and upgrades: The dispatch supervisor has had final dialog with Mr. Evans regarding changes to the RFP which has gone again to Corp Counsel and will then be published for bidding. Because the process is taking much longer than expected, the funds will be carried over to 2012. The upgrades will be a benefit to the entire county because it will include better communication with Emergency Management, fire and EMS as well.

Grants – Status of ongoing or new grants: Sheriff Milbrath reported that the Trans Canadian Pipeline grant application was not approved but the Sheriff's Office is automatically entered for consideration next year. It was a small grant amount but he is hoping they will get it next year.

The most frustrating grant process right now is the Clean Cities grant (propane). This grant was to cover 2010 and 2011. Unfortunately, the year is almost over and the 2011 propane systems are not EPA certified yet. Because the grant requires EPA certification for the systems, we are waiting for them and in the meantime the squads they are supposed to be installed on are running on gas. That obviously is skewing the budget numbers for fuel. There have been several "discussions" with the people at OEI (Office of Energy Independence) regarding this and it has been a battle to get this moving. It seems to be a poorly run program. The Sheriff has been contemplating asking for reimbursement as far as fuel if this doesn't get going soon. The Impco systems that have been installed in the 2010 vehicles are running extremely well. Those squads have never run better. We just can't get the 2011 systems and the grant will not reimburse for systems purchased without the EPA certification. It is an ongoing battle but will be resolved eventually.

Report from the Sheriff: Sheriff Milbrath talked about a new program to take effect relatively soon. It is an OWI reduction effort called 24/7. The program has had phenomenal results in the areas that it has been used. Jefferson County will be the pilot area for the program in Wisconsin. If an offender is arrested for their second offense OWI, the judge will order that individual to appear twice a day to blow a PBT and it will cost them \$2.00 each time. South Dakota was the first state to do this and they have had very good success. The judges are excited about the program and the results. It is swift and certain punishment and will literally pay for itself. Beating the system will be difficult, especially for those that are hard core drinkers. Eventually it should go statewide and would make it easier for the offenders to manage as well. Every case would be a matter for the attorneys and judge to determine whether the program is sustainable for each individual. The Sheriff said they are working with the Support Services division to get this set up and the process will likely take place in the Sheriff's Office lobby. The program may possibly begin in January and will start with about 20 people. It will expand slowly from there. Attorneys are also happy with the program because they likely won't have to deal with drunk clients. Bottom line is that the program will dramatically reduce the number of repeat drunk driving offenses.

Dwayne Morris asked about the item in last month's agenda regarding legislative bill AB173 (immigration). Chief Deputy Parker answered that the bill is stuck in committee and has not gone any further.

Sheriff Milbrath also reported that the jail kitchen has received about \$45,000 in donated food items so far this year. He added that the Sheriff's Office is very fortunate to have such active community partners that help them out in many ways.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee approved the monthly recap report for September bills in the amount of \$606,723.09. October preliminary bill total: \$236,759.95. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. Part of the total amount in October includes the purchase cost of the Lake Mills Conservation Club (\$111,820.00). Chief Deputy Parker reviewed the budget numbers so far this year. The Sheriff's Office is running at 79.9% of budget (lower than the 83.33% which is the target). So far everything is looking very good to come in under budget. He also thanked everyone for their support this year.

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

Jail assessment fund items: General fund items for the month totalled \$4,284.25. Another item is for automatic door openers on the lobby doors in the amount of \$1,840.00 to make them ADA compliant. The last item is for about half of the drawer slides needed in the jail kitchen at a cost of \$1,032.50.

Next meeting date is January 27, 2011.

A motion made by Pam Rogers to adjourn at 9:32 a.m., was seconded by George Jaeckel. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 2 Lost: 0 .

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