

## COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

**COMMITTEE:** LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**DATE:** September 27, 2013

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair George Jaeckel at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: George Jaeckel, Ed Morse, Pam Rogers, Dwayne Morris  
Others present were: John Molinaro, Phil Ristow, Ben Wehmeier, Sheriff Milbrath

Absent: Paul Babcock

**Compliance with open meetings law:** Compliance was assured.

**Approve agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of minutes:** A motion was made by Pam Rogers, and seconded by Ed Morse that the August 23, 2013 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Communications:** None

**Update on Communication Towers:** No information available on part of this topic. Sheriff Milbrath said that Charter had entered into an agreement with the property owner of the Sullivan Tower. Once the budget is approved with the funding for this site, it should move forward.

**Grants – Status of ongoing or new grants:** The Sheriff's Office received the \$10,000 grant from the Wisconsin Propane Council. The Sheriff hopes that this grant will continue to be offered as most of the other grants will not be available after this year. The Sheriff's Office will be extending the use of squad vehicles for another year (3 years as opposed to 2 in the past) due to the lateness of grant funding and propane systems. They also have been approved for a Project Lifesaver grant and training will begin in November. Have looked at this program in the past but didn't have the resources to get it started. The system uses radio waves and the Sheriff's Office will start out with two receivers and two transmitters. Some donations have come in for the batteries in the wrist transmitter which run about \$10 - \$15 per month. The Sheriff will also apply for the Canadian Railroad Grant which is a limited grant and tough to get. The Enbridge Pipeline Grant that they received (\$1,000) is also something that the Communication Center and Emergency Management can apply for. They are small grants of between \$500 and \$1,000 but would enable them to purchase some additional equipment such as radios for the Jefferson County Emergency Communications (JCEC's). The Treatment Alternative and Diversion Grant (TAD) was discussed. This grant is put out by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The D.A., the judges, Human Services, Ben Wehmeier, John Molinaro, Phil Ristow, the public defender's office and the sheriff's office are all involved with this grant and are looking to start an OWI court with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> offenders. It is a volunteer court so subjects must choose to participate (or comply with a jail sentence). There have been some very good results with this type of program in other areas to cut down on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> time offenders. The grant will be very competitive this year. Ben Wehmeier added that the Department of Justice wanted to know how many areas would apply for funding so they can get data to the legislature for more possible funding for these programs. John Molinaro also added that Judge Hue has been the driving force behind getting this going and it will be extra

work for him if/when the drug court is set up. There are several different types of courts that can be set up and Jefferson County is starting with the OWI court, possibly expanding to a drug court in the future. Sheriff Milbrath said that the worst case is that Jefferson County doesn't get the grant. He feels the grants will offered again and the county would be more than ready for the next round. It's definitely worth the time and effort (it's a very comprehensive grant application) to apply for the grant even if the county doesn't get it this time. Phil Ristow said the county has a smaller version of the OWI court in place right now without the personnel. As part of the bail process a subject charged with multiple OWI's would have the option of wearing an ankle bracelet to detect alcohol and it is only at the court level right now. The model they are looking at for this grant would involve contracting with an outside service (such as Wisconsin Correctional Service which is Waukesha County's vendor and currently runs the smaller version of the program here) to run the program. Sheriff Milbrath said the outside agency would have more experience with this and it would be cheaper to do it that way. The county committee would still oversee the program. The Department of Justice has allocated \$1.5 million across the state for grant funding and the vendor has estimated a position and a half with the projected case load. The reason the county is going with an outside agency to run the program is that the grant will be awarded on October 17 and the state wants it up and running by January 1<sup>st</sup>. The outside agency has the experience and would be able to come in and get it started within that time frame. The county would supply some office space for the program.

Dwayne Morris made a motion for authorization of a resolution in support of the TAD grant application. Pam Rogers seconded.

**Report from the Sheriff:** On Wednesday the jail inspector was in the facility. He couldn't find anything that wasn't 100% in compliance. He also had some very positive comments about the jail kitchen. The only negative he mentioned was to try and put more time toward the mental health person. He wasn't aware that the Sheriff's Office also uses interns from U.W. Whitewater and that Deputy Blake is also assisting. Deputy Blake is functioning as a program director in charge of getting inmates focused on tasks (parenting, education, veteran's assistance, etc.) and/or getting them treatments. Her efforts have saved a lot of money, given inmates positive reinforcement and helped keep them from coming back to jail.

Deputy Dandoy also has been doing a lot of training in the schools dealing with active shooters or other weapons. He has been very instrumental in the training, it's been very well received and many schools have commented that this is some of the best training they have had. Deputy Dandoy is doing a great job..

The Honor Guard was in the Gemuetlichkeit Parade and took 1<sup>st</sup> place for Honor Guard units. They received \$100 to put in their account toward uniforms and other needed items.

The Sheriff is working on an Emergency Management program dealing with disasters and animals. This would include dogs, cats, birds, etc. as well as regular farm animals. The program will be modeled after the Dane County equivalent. It should hopefully be in place by the end of November.

The Sheriff's Office is losing a deputy today. He will be going to Trek in their IT department. Dwayne Morris asked about the discussion had previously regarding the 24/7 program. The Sheriff said that program was not implemented due to the way the judges wanted it run and the financial obligation to do that (can't use sworn deputies because the Sheriff's Office doesn't have enough bodies to do that). There was also some concern by the defense bar that the program would be

inconveniencing their clients. However, the Sheriff feels that the daily face to face contact is good as well as the knowledge that the person has to go in every day which will influence their decision to drink. Most don't want to fail that test because they will likely end up in jail right away. The Sheriff is looking at other opportunities such as incorporating it in the TAD grant. The Project 24/7 people have also agreed to waive some fees if it could be implemented here. Trying to make first offense OWI a crime is a tough sell because it would take a considerable amount of money away from the municipalities (first offense is a municipal forfeiture).

**Review monthly bills and financial items:** – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for August bills in the amount of \$106,181.15. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. Sheriff Milbrath mentioned that the jail kitchen recently received about 700 pounds of cheese from Crystal Farms. The kitchen had just received a couple loads of produce as well. They never expected to have this program make so much of an impact on the food budget.

The Sheriff gave an update on the budget. The only area that is of concern is the overtime budget. At this time it is around 74% (should be 66.67% at this point in the year). Some items may look high or be over budget; however, reimbursement will be received for most of these and they will fall back to where they are supposed to be.

Sheriff Milbrath also mentioned that it's been a bad month for motorcycle accidents. There have been three of them recently, two of them on one day.

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

**Jail assessment fund items:** General fund items for the month in the amount of \$2,703.98.

Next meeting date is Friday, November 1, 2013 (Emergency Management). The committee members would possibly like to go out to the Annex building after the meeting.

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

Motions Carried:   3   Lost:   0  .

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