

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: November 22, 2013

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, George Jaeckel, Ed Morse, Pam Rogers, Dwayne Morris
Others present were: Sheriff Milbrath, County Administrator Ben Wehmeier, County Board Chair John Molinaro, Captain Scott

Absent: None

Compliance with open meetings law: County Administrator Wehmeier assured compliance.

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 1, 2013 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Communications: None.

Update on Sheriff's Annex Building project: Sheriff Milbrath said the project is going along very well. The staff is appreciating the new windows that were installed and the siding is about half done. County Board Chair Molinaro said the Infrastructure Committee did take a tour of the facility at their last meeting.

Grants – Status of ongoing or new grants: Project Lifesaver was just at the Sheriff's Office to conduct training. Sheriff Milbrath and Captain Scott are now trainers for the program. The grant for this was about \$5,000 and included about 2/3 of the equipment they will need. Two families have already expressed interest in the program after an article about it appeared in the paper. The Sheriff went on to explain that the program is mainly for Autistic and dementia individuals that tend to wander and may not be responsive to searchers. Captain Scott showed the committee the equipment used. Families will have the opportunity to request a bracelet for family members who are at risk of wandering away. The bracelet looks somewhat like a watch with no face, is waterproof, and contains the transmitter. Each one will cost \$300 and the family will pay that cost. Hopefully gaining some community or church support will help defray some of the cost. The Autism Foundation in the State of Wisconsin also will fund these bracelets. Each month a deputy will change the battery and band and clean the transmitter. The battery/band costs the family about \$10 each month. It also gives the individual on the program a chance to interact with deputies so if a search is ever needed, these people will be more likely to respond to a deputy. The program will add an extra layer of security for the families as search time for individuals that wander off is cut drastically. It uses an FM transmitter and the range is about ¾ of a mile. Jefferson County can have up to 999 frequencies. Doubling up is also possible as long as the duplicate frequencies are at least 10 miles apart. The average search lasts about 30 minutes and is a fraction of the time of trying to find someone without this technology. It is estimated that Jefferson County will need between 25 and 40 bracelets. Two of them came with the grant equipment and the Sheriff's Office will replace them when they are purchased by families. The Sheriff's Office would like to have a few of the

bracelets on hand at all times.

The Sheriff also mentioned that he found out the Sheriff's Office re-qualified for another \$750 grant from Enbridge.

Report from the Sheriff: Later today Chief Deputy Parker will be graduating from the Northwestern School of Staff and Command so the Sheriff will be heading over to Madison to attend. The committee was advised that there will likely be a short meeting right before the County Board meeting in December for discussion and recommendation regarding the purchase of a server and software for the Sheriff's Office records management system. They will be acquiring the equipment from the vendor of the system as recommended by the county's MIS department. The funding for the server is in the 2013 budget; however, the money will likely be carried over since it will take a bit of time to order and receive the equipment. The objective is to lock in the prices before they rise.

Review monthly bills and financial items: – The committee approved the monthly recap reports for September bills in the amount of \$100,084.72 and October bills in the amount of \$189,552.43. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was reviewed by the committee members. The Sheriff talked briefly about the outcry regarding inmate phone charges. No one is sure where that will go yet.

Report on 2013 budget: Sheriff Milbrath reported that the only concerning items are overtime in the jail and patrol divisions. The jail will be about \$50,000 over budget and patrol about half that amount. There also may be a mix up in the food budget as the amount in donated food items was added in as revenue but may not have been taken out as an expense. It will also be checked to make sure it is correct in the 2014 budget.

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 \$7,297.98.

Next meeting date is Friday, December 27, 2013

A motion made by George Jaeckel to adjourn at 9:20 a.m., was seconded by Pam Rogers. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 2 Lost: 0 .

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