

COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE MINUTES

COMMITTEE: LAW ENFORCEMENT/ EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

DATE: November 14, 2008

Meeting called to order by Paul Babcock at 8:30 a.m. Members of the committee present were: Paul Babcock, Pam Rogers, George Jaeckel, and Glen Borland

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

Absent: Rick Kuhlman

Compliance with open meetings law: Chief Deputy Stapleton assured compliance with open meetings law.

Approve agenda: The agenda was approved as published.

Approval of minutes: A motion was made by Pam Rogers, and seconded by Glen Borland that the September 26, 2008 minutes be approved as printed. Motion carried.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Report from the Sheriff: Chief Deputy Stapleton began by briefly reviewing parts of the budget process that impacted the Sheriff's Office. He said that they would be sitting down soon and looking at the loss of the four deputy positions and how to rearrange personnel to maximize service. He also said that Detective Sergeant Larry Lee has reconsidered and will not be retiring at the first of the year. He is still planning to retire next year but has no set date at this time. That vacancy was originally part of the budget cut. However, because of military call-ups, the Sheriff's Office has several positions that are budgeted in 2009 that will not have wages paid due to deputies going on military leave. This will offset Sgt. Lee's later retirement and not cause any hardship to the county or Sheriff's Office personnel.

The Chief also introduced Captain Jeff Parker as his replacement beginning in December. Captain Parker will actually be assuming most of the chief deputy duties after the Thanksgiving holiday. Chief Deputy Stapleton's official last day of work will be December 11, 2008.

Chief Deputy Stapleton went on to say that the Northwestern audit is in its final stages. Next week two of the three individuals from Northwestern will be on site to finalize information. The Chief wanted to let the committee members know that on next month's agenda there probably will be an item regarding a report from the Northwestern group. He added that if the item is added, the meeting will more than likely be a joint meeting with the Administration and Rules Committee. The final audit report from Northwestern will be given to the county board after the first of the year (January or February).

Sheriff Milbrath thanked the committee members, the members of the Finance Committee and the entire county board for all the efforts and work they put in on the budget. The Finance Committee spent many long hours and had to make some difficult decisions. All of their work is greatly appreciated.

The Sheriff also reported that he and Donna Haugom had been going out and taking required pictures of homes in regard to the Federal Flood Mitigation funds. He said they were able to finish the process yesterday.

Discussion held on monthly bills. – The committee approved the monthly recap report for September bills in the amount of \$146,159.29. October billing is not completed but a total of \$96,931.81 was reported to this date. A spreadsheet summarizing current bills was also reviewed by the committee members.

During the review of reports, the committee members asked about jail population. Captain Parker said the jail population has been averaging over 200 for the past several months. At one point he said they were running out of floor space to put inmates. Mattresses were borrowed from Dodge County at one point until others could be ordered. Some discussion about housing for area municipalities was had as well. It is very rare that the county jail houses people from the municipalities because it is a lose/lose situation for them. The individual is usually jailed for not paying a fine so the municipality doesn't get that revenue and also has to pay to house the person in the jail.

Monthly Jail/Activity reports: Jail and activity reports were reviewed.

Jail assessment fund items: One jail assessment item was reviewed concerning replacement of batteries in the UPS system that is used to operate the security doors, etc.

The December meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17th. Paul Babcock asked to have an item included on the December agenda. He would like to see some information on proposals to toughen the drunk driving laws. He and other committee members are interested in any pending legislation or any ideas to put forward in the form of a possible future resolution from the county regarding this type of offense. A copy of a letter received by the Sheriff's Office from the parents of the Oconomowoc assistant principal and two of her children that were killed by a drunk driver earlier this year will be included with the minutes of this meeting. The letter contains a link to a website that will provide further information about strengthening the drunk driving laws in Wisconsin.

Mr. Babcock also asked about the association between PADA and the Sheriff's Office. Chief Deputy Stapleton said that any time deputies are called to a domestic abuse call, they will call PADA to let them know of the incident and that they should be contacting the victim. Deputies will also inform the victim that PADA will be contacting them.

A motion made by Pam Rogers to adjourn at 9:33 a.m., was seconded by George Jaeckel. Motion carried.

Motions Carried: 2 Lost: 0 .

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