

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

4:00 p.m. – Conference Room A260

MINUTES

1. Call the Meeting to Order. Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm.
2. Was the meeting properly announced? Yes
3. Roll Call. Excused: Al Sebastiani. Present were Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm. Present were Al Miller, Mike Keckeisen, Beverly Ward, Terry James, Sandra Green, Sam Wollin, Les Beckman, Jane Gervais and Marcia Kaye.
4. Approve the Agenda. James/Miller, MC/UN
5. Approve minutes of prior meeting. No minutes of prior meeting.
6. Public participation (*If requested by the Committee Chair*).
7. Correspondence. None.
8. Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Attending.
Review monthly expenditure report and check summary. Reviewed.

Discuss/update on Tornado this past weekend. The EOC went very well due to the outstanding team effort she had by everyone involved. The MCC was taken out the town of Strongs Prairie. The DNR Incident Mgmt. team was also there. They were outstanding and did a fly out of the area immediately for us. They had debriefings with us daily and John Schwingel was the one that offered his resources. It worked out very well. Monday AM she notified the damage assessment team and had them out by mid-morning and had the report in by the end of the day to the state. Things are going well now and dealing with a lot of phone calls. Red Cross delivered a lot of meals out the field workers and the employees who were offering their services. Anyone in need of medical, shelter, food, etc. should contact the American Red Cross. At this time there are 32 families that Catholic Charities has helped. American Red Cross has opened 19 cases to date and is working with those individuals. There's an account that's been set up at Grand Marsh State Bank for monetary donations only. Jane will have to set up a recovery committee to determine the criteria for how they will distribute those donations. Jane is inundated with phone calls right now from disaster relief, Michigan and Ameri Corp. The Salvation Army took our land information sheet and delivered it to all the residents for us. Jane is going to look into applying for some grants to help with disaster relief and those families who didn't have insurance. Tyler did a great job in getting the maps from the DNR and he was very appreciated in this.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) appointments. They approved 2 appointments to the committee who are Captain Beckman and Sheriff Wollin. They are requesting approval from PS&J and then forwarded to the County Board. Keckeisen/James. MC/UN. Allowed to act immediately prior to receiving the final resolution.

Discuss and/or act on purchase of NOAA Weather Radios. In the past Madison has offered NOAA weather radios. She would distribute these radios out the public. She can get them for \$25 and gets them through Juneau County. She would like authorization to purchase these radios and would be distributed at a local level. She is planning on selling them to who might be interested. Motion to approve the purchase 25 of these radios. James/Miller. MC/UN

Round 6 radio replacement Grant award. We were awarded the grant and the papers were signed. The radios are ordered for the SDF and the Rome Fire Dept.

Discuss and/or act on training/conferences, if any. None.
Office Activities. None.

9. Sheriff's Department - Sheriff Wollin – Attending.

Animal Shelter/Animal Control Officer Report (reports in packet).

Department operations. The Sheriff's Colorado class was canceled for last week and will soon reschedule this class. It was canceled to the Govt. shutdown.

Discuss/update on Tornado this past weekend. Everything overall went well. There were some communication breakdowns and these were realized. These issues were discussed and will not arise during the next incident. We did identify some problems with the Command Trailer as there are upgrades that need to be done. They will work with Jane on this and will most likely be costs associated with these repairs. ACEC had some concerns with residents running generators in the area. Use of these generators puts the public at risk as well as the workers so it was important to complete the disconnects. Overall everyone came together and it went very well. We received Mutual Aid from, Marquette, Columbia, Sauk, Juneau, Vernon, Trempealeau, and Lacrosse Sheriff's Departments as well as Sparta Police Dept, WI State Patrol, and the DNR. The wristband system worked well but next time we will have the distribution point closer to the area in need. After the Security Perimeter was no longer needed, the Deputies that were already on the schedule were assigned to the damaged area to patrol for presence and safety of all the citizens. We did post extra patrol for the weekend knowing it would be busy.

Approve conference/training if any. School Resource Officer to attend training in Minnesota. It would cost us more for her to host this training rather than us just sending her. It's a week-long course. A Resolution for Out of State Training would need to be signed. This was placed on the County Board agenda for May.

Update/Discussion/Action on researching cost for 3 Patrol Sergeants working within current budget. Sheriff Wollin handed out information to each Committee Member. This was discussed. There would be increases in wage, uniform, vehicle setup and some training after promotion. A sheet is included in the packet which outlines these figures. Supervisor Keckeisen expressed his thoughts on why this is a good move for the Department. Sheriff Wollin explained to Supervisor Ward and the rest of the Committee how this line of supervision and discipline would work between the Lieutenants and Sergeants and the employees. This would cost us \$5,075 move forward with this. Supervisor Miller is for the Sergeants. Supervisor Miller expressed his concerns with being too top heavy in the department and the Lieutenant positions.

Supervisor Ward said to remember this request if approved would affect our budget overall in the years to come. Supervisor Miller also indicated if this were approved, then looking at the Union Contracts at what the other Sergeants make and the Road Sergeants should receive \$1.64 more an hour not .87 cents which is proposed. The Sheriff will look into this.

Workmen's Comp and WI State Statutes. Tabled until May meeting.

Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC). The Sheriff's Dept. signed an agreement with DOJ to be a part of the state task force for ICAC. There's no cost to the Dept. and it give us more opportunity for more free training and 1500 to cover equipment costs. We have one patrol deputy who has gone to the initial training. We need to purchase some software for this as we already have a laptop to go forward with this. This will be extremely valuable for the Department as well as for the community.

Update on hiring of patrol position. The offer was made and accepted. Employment is contingent on the psychological evaluation and medical and background checks. The employee is starting 5/2/2011.

Captain Beckman – Attending.

Review monthly expenditure report and check summary. No questions. Motion to approve vouchers. Keckeisen/James. MC/UN.

Discuss/Act on Ford Motor Company lease for new squads. The F&SS Manager researched a lower rate through several institutions and finally negotiated a 1% decrease with Ford Credit resulting in a savings of \$1,053.33 over the life of the lease. Discussed.

Asset Forfeiture and other county accounts information/explanation. Discussed and explained to the committee how the accounts will be handled from this point forward under the new Sheriff. The Sheriff's Department also received notifications the five new squads have been ordered along with the serial numbers.

Water sample tests by Maintenance Department. Tracy from Maintenance had the state lab go through and do the test the water in the jail. Everything came back fine. No chloroform or coli. The inmates were concerned because the water had a light brown color to it. Then the water came through a little brown with the flush of the system by maintenance.

10. Approval of all vouchers and monthly expense reports. Motion to approve all vouchers James/Keckeisen. MC/UN.
11. Set next meeting date. Next meeting set for May 11, 2011 at 9:00 am in Conference Room A260.
12. Action items for next meeting. Place on May PS&J agenda under Sheriff "Update discussion 3 patrol sergeants" and "Workmen's Comp".
13. Adjourn. James/Miller, MC/UN. 5:07 pm.

Submitted by Sandra M. Green, Fiscal and Support Services Manager, Sheriff's Department. *These minutes are not yet approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee.*

Cc: Sebastiani / James / Keckeisen / Miller / Ward / Wollin / July / Beckman / McFarlin / Cada / Gervais / Helmrick / Warner / Barnes / County Clerk Dept / McGhee / Green / Hinze / Rogers