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the commercial rate. Corp Counsel is reviewing this. The Dell Prairie tower is on order. Three towers will be up and ready this winter. She will negotiate with US Cellular on the Jackson, Strongs Prairie, Big Flats, and Coloma towers. Level B Hazmat has January 1 as its target date, and is still in negotiation. Grant status: the draft contract CDBG-EAP grant with the State of Wisconsin shows an award of \$198,000.00 for unmet needs from storm damage after FEMA and Small Business Administration grants were closed. Pre-Disaster Mitigation All-Hazards plan facilitated by North Central Regional Planning Commission will hold its first Task Force meeting on 10/20/08 with countywide representatives to go through the existing plan, and then public meetings will be held. This is a one year process. The 2008 Program of Work Agreement is complete, which is required to prove work was done under the grant. The application for 2008 LEPC was signed by Vice Chair Johnson. FEMA awarded \$524,485.00 for damages in the county and Highway Department's are not yet in. The CDBG-EAP \$198,000.00 Community Development Grant with 19 municipal projects included brings the total to over \$700,000.00 in grants. Two individual appeals have produced no results as yet. A tabletop exercise on tornado response was held in Rome last week with Town of Rome, State Patrol, Red Cross, and Grabarski participating with the Exercise Officer from the State of Wisconsin. Emergency trailers are going into winter storage November 1 in the Town of Adams garage. Sandbags are available from the Corp of Engineers at no cost to the county other than pickup of \$170.00 for mileage to Kewaunee location. Grabarski will ask Highway if they can store 10,000 sandbags palleted and baled. Committee stated they were in favor so Grabarski will pursue this. A four-day conference WEMA training is coming up; Grabarski will be out of the office in the last week of October for those four days.

Sheriff's Department – Sheriff Renner reported Project Lifesaver Training took place Monday, Tuesday, and half of Wednesday last week. Adams County hosted St. Croix, Jackson, and Pierce Counties; the training cost was split four ways. Sheriff and Chief were invited to attend the Humane Society meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; Sheriff Renner will attend. Advertising is being done for a Lieutenant and Road Officer Eligibility List candidates, as the list is now exhausted. Deputy JD Ballew is patrolling on his own now. Rome Fire Department is having an open house and Sheriff was invited there to accept a donation on behalf of Project Lifesaver. He will be speaking Sunday at Trinity Lutheran in Arkdale on autism and Alzheimer's. He reported that two people are in custody for a marijuana grow that was under video surveillance. Johnson inquired about disposal of prescription drugs and discussion followed. Chief Deputy July gave an update on the 2009 budget and reported that the 2008 budget might balance out after some line item adjustments. Overtime savings were reported. Jail staffing is down to three officers most days. One-third of the squad car fleet will be under warranty at all times with the leasing that is being done. Highway Department might take over repairs of squad cars except for transmission rebuilds and collision repair. Talks are continuing. Captain Beckman stated that Electronic Monitoring has been a very successful program generating \$36,290.00 by the end of September. Huber generated \$8,000.00. A medical co-pay generated \$6,500.00 and there will be a fifty-cent over-the-counter medication fee to inmates in 2009. Social Security gives a "bounty" of \$200.00 for recipients reported incarcerated. Safekeepers income was \$63,529.00 at the end of August. Captain Beckman reported that a conservative estimate of an overall Jail income from all fees, "bounties," and programs (Electronic Monitoring, Safekeepers, Huber, and Inmate Co-pay) is estimated to be over \$200,000.00 by the end of 2008, far above the budgeted income. Jail had only 22 hours of overtime in September. Two accidents happened to squads last month, both deer-related. One had no damage and the other lost a headlight. Loken noted many positive comments on the jail inspection forms that the Inspector filled out on his tour. The fire escape route has to be posted in the jail pods for inmate routes. Chief July asked Committee if anyone had a copy of the Space Needs Study on the

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building and asked to get a copy if they found one. Sheriff Renner explained the duties and hiring of Transport Officers.

Clerk of Court – DA - Dee Helmrick joined the meeting and gave the District Attorney’s paperwork to Committee. She had the Community Service report with her check summary which she also gave to Committee. She made Committee aware that she is running out of storage space and will need a climate-controlled environment for Clerk of Court records. Loken stated that Property Committee is back together and advised Dee to bring this to their attention. Helmrick reported that next Tuesday Adams County may have to provide a jury to another county for a high profile case in their county. Fall Conference for Clerks of Court will be held in Spring Green.

MOTION by Kotlowski/James to approve all vouchers submitted at today’s meeting. MC/Unan.

MOTION by Kotlowski/Johnson to convene in closed session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility: Discuss personnel matters; and Wis Stats 19.85(1)(e) deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session: Discuss contract negotiations for Local 414. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** JOHNSON: YES. JAMES: YES. LOKEN: YES. KOTLOWSKI: YES. Unanimous. Meeting closed at 10:30 a.m. and Shirli Suchomel left the room.

Per Chief Deputy July, Meeting was adjourned from closed session at 11:00 a.m. by unanimous voice vote. Next regular meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 10, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room A260.

Submitted by Deputy Sheriff Shirli Suchomel, Acting Secretary
These minutes are not yet approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee (10/09/08)