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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: March 25, 2019

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Meeting called to order by Mr. Brunkow at 9:30 am.

Members present pursuant to roll call: Bernie Brunkow, John Kriesel, Mike Taylor, Dennis Bork, and Butch Schreiner

Others present: Sheriff Schmidtknecht, Melissa Brunner, Chief Deputy Engfer, and Bruce Fuerbringer

Public-None

Minutes: Approved as mailed. Motion by Mr. Kriesel, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht briefly introduced Deputy Brian King to the committee as the new addition to the patrol staff.

Emergency Management Expenditures/written report: Mr. Fuerbringer that in 2018, 100% of his salary came out of the Emergency Management budget instead of a percentage out EM and out of LEPC budgets; in 2019, both EM/LEPC budgets will be combined. Motion by Mr. Bork to accept report, second by Mr. Kriesel. Motion carried.

Resolution: The resolution should have been removed from the agenda

Mr. Fuerbringer presented his written report. He discussed his recent training which included a speaker that discussed ways that Emergency Management Services could work better with the public. Motion to approve report by Mr. Taylor, second by Mr. Schreiner. Motion carried.

Mr. Fuerbringer advised the committee of the 2019 flooding situation. Frost is still in the ground. Potentially, on Friday, March 28th, Alma will be at flood stage. Many of the county's burlap sacks were rotted/rodent infested so the county was able to purchase about 50,000 of them for .14¢ each from Fort McCoy.

Mr. Fuerbringer discussed the current hazmat requirements. The county doesn't have to combine with another county's hazmat procedures; the county will just need to identify their Level B plan.

Bills: Mr. Bork made a motion to approve bills as presented, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried. Ms. Brunner did clarify that the City Limits invoice from last meeting should have read \$168.93, not \$1,369.32.

Year-end Report: Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed the 2018 year-end accomplishment/goals which consisted of leasing of a number of squads, increased public presentations and safety trainings, and added a K9, which not only performs drug detection but also human tracking. He advised the committee that it's a challenge to stay current with basic technology; some equipment is coming end-of-life such as the patrol's mobile data computers (MDC's) and radios; they will need to be replaced.

The previous MDC's were purchased primarily through a grant. The 2018 numbers are not all available yet. Overall, with both of the budgets combined, law enforcement is under budget by about \$73,220 (the jail is slightly over-budget by under \$1,500). The committee discussed "5-year planning". Mr. Schreiner asked if it would be possible to put away any non-spent year-end funds in order to purchase this equipment in the future; Sheriff Schmidtkecht and Chairman Brunkow advised that it has not been allowed in the past.

There was discussion of leased vehicles versus purchasing vehicles. Sheriff Schmidtkecht currently plans to continue with leasing and purchasing vehicles. Chief Deputy Engfer's Ford F-150 will be sold to Emergency Management.

Chief Deputy Report: Chief Deputy Engfer stated that there were 566 Calls for Service for February. 58.75 hours of total over-time, however, 41.5 of those hours are reimbursable. Significant events for the month was Deputy Sheyann Wiczorek successfully completed D.A.R.E. school and is now teaching in our local schools.

Currently, there is one inmate being housed in another county, and there is currently 23 inmates being housed in Buffalo County.

Jail Lieutenant Report: None

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Schmidtkecht advised that he has been working with Bruce Fuerbringer regarding flood planning. Currently, the jail has been overflowed with inmates the month of March. Ryan Vollmer has been hired as a communications/corrections officer and has started his training process. Sergeant Logan Olson has been instrumental in the awarding of the LiveScan grant which is a federal grant.

There was a brief discussion regarding improving "communication" amongst other departments.

Next meeting is currently set for April 22nd at 9:30am.

11:00a.m., motion to adjourn by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Kriesel.

Melissa L. Brunner, Secretary