

Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: April 19, 2021

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: May 04, 2021

Meeting called to order by Mr. Nelson at 9:03am.

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

Mr. Mike Taylor-Excused, Mr. Larry Grisen, Ms. Carol McDonough-Excused, Mr. John Sendelbach, and Mr. Nelson

Others present: Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Chief Deputy Lee Engfer, Jail Lieutenant Diane Mikelson, and Ms. Melissa Brunner

2: Public Comments: None

3: Review/Discussion/Action: Approval of January minutes:

Motion to approve March minutes made by Mr. Grisen, second by Mr. Sendelbach. Motion carried.

4: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

5: Review/Discussion/Action: Law Enforcement Vouchers:

Mr. Grisen motioned to approve vouchers as presented, second by Mr. Sendelbach. Motion carried.

6: Review/Discussion/Action: Squad Leases:

Chief Deputy Engfer advised the committee that the sheriff's office has a 4-year lease through Enterprise for three Durangos. The Durangos have had significant mechanical issues which Enterprise had been made aware of. He was informed that this was the first year for the law enforcement package for the Durangos so issues were to be expected. Enterprise suggested trading the three Durangos for two Ford Explorers for a value gain of about \$8654. Some equipment would be transferred, labor costs would be around \$6500, and about \$2236.87 needed for new equipment. After costs taken from the gain, there would still be a gain of \$217.13. Additionally, there will be a savings of \$45 a month on the leases. Mr. Sendelbach motioned to exchange the three current leased Durangos for the two Ford Explorers, second by Mr. Grisen. Motion carried.

7: Review/Discussion/Action: Current Law Enforcement Financial Update:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that the sheriff's office is currently under budget. He reminded them that a majority of contracts were paid at the very beginning of the year. He advised that due to Covid, overtime has been down Mr. Nelson accepted report.

#8 was moved in the agenda

9: Review/Discussion: Sheriff, Chief Deputy, and Jail Administrator Monthly Reports:

Chief Deputy Engfer presented his March report. The Call for Services were up slightly at 686, and 10.5 over-time hours. He advised that a patrol deputy resigned the end of March; the replacement application process closes today. He informed the committee that in the beginning of March, Mike Johnson, chief of police for the City of Alma, personally donated a firearm scope roughly valued in the amount of \$500.

Lieutenant Mikelson presented her March report. Currently, 50 bookings for the year. No changes were done to the jail, no training for staff, and 14.05 inmate headcount for March. Total YTD dispatch calls were 3,056; 201 of the calls were 9-1-1, and 2855 of the calls were non-emergency.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht minimally discussed the accident in Fountain City involving a log truck and an SUV. All EMS staff worked very well with each other and with the highway to get signage up and the road closed down for close to 8-hours. This weekend coming Saturday is the train derailment exercise. The weekend prior was the spring flood-run; attendance numbers were down and no major incidents to report. Mr. Nelson accepted all reports.

8: Review/Discussion: 2020 Law Enforcement/Jail Financials:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht informed the committee that the final numbers were missing from last month's presentation of the year-end report. He advised that the 2020 budgeted amount was \$2,593,284, and the actual used was \$2,507,471. Capital outlay amount budgeted was \$159,645, and the actual used was \$119,713. At the time of the budget process, he had to budget for the WIBRS upgrade but was awarded a grant after the budget was adopted. Due to Covid, overtime was down and the jail did not reach full capacity so meal costs were also down. Revenues budgeted were \$40,000, actual revenues received were \$93,245.

10: Review/Discussion: Emergency Management Financial Report:

None

11: Review/Discussion: Emergency Management Written Report:

None

12: Review/Discussion/Action: Next Meeting Date and Time:

May 17, 2021 at 9:00a.m.

13: Public comment not related to agenda items:

None

14: Adjournment:

9:51 a.m., Mr. Sendelbach motioned for adjournment, second by Mr. Grisen. Motion carried.

Melissa Brunner, Secretary