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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: April 22, 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: Melissa Brunner, Chief Deputy Engfer, Bruce Fuerbringer, and Larry Grisen-
entered at 9:49am

Public-None

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

Emergency Management Expenditures/written report: Mr. Fuerbringer did not have an expenditure report to present but he advised the committee that there have been no significant purchases for the year thus far; he just needs to work out the remaining details for the line transfer for the emergency vehicle between law enforcement.

Mr. Fuerbringer presented his written report. He stated that over half of the 50,000 sand bags were sold; the county agreed to cost share the purchase of the sand bags at 50%; even though the worst of the projected flooding didn't happen, the communities were well prepared.

The courthouse recently had a tornado/severe weather drill, there hadn't been a drill for quite some time. Overall, the drill went well. In addition, there will be a fire drill in the summer. Participation input will be taken to the next Courthouse Security Committee Meeting.

Since the last meeting, Mr. Fuerbringer attended many meetings including Health Care Coalition, MABAS, County Fire Chief Assoc., WEM, and Highway Safety Committee. Motion to accept report made by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Bork. Motion carried.

Bills: Mr. Bork questioned the Kiesler invoice. Chief Deputy Engfer advised that firearms do get outdated but a firearm credit will be issued once all staff has qualified with the new firearms. Motion to accept bills by Mr. Kriesel, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

Expenditures: The most current law enforcement, jail, and capital outlay expenditure were presented to the committee. Motion to accept current report by Mr. Kriesel, second by Mr. Schreiner. Motion carried.

Lieutenant Mikelson presented the committee with a copy of the 2018 Annual Jail Inspection letter. The inspector met with jail staff, administration, healthcare, and foodservice staff, as well as some inmates. The jail is implementing changes based upon suggestions made by the inspector; no 2018 violations were noted. There were recommendations to add an additional supervisor staff (sergeant), and to have an annual menu review of all meals performed by a qualified dietician or a nutritionist at

least 2-weeks to 1-month ahead of time. Overall, the inspection went very well. The inspector approved the jail at an inmate housing maximum capacity of 26.

Chief Deputy and Sheriff's Reports: Chief Deputy Engfer stated that there have been 672 Calls for Service as of the end of March, patrol over-time is down at 43 hours: 12 of those hours will be reimbursed. There have been special events for the month such as Deputy Mitch Zastrow graduated from FTO training school, Deputy Jake Laehn and Chief Deputy Lee Engfer attended training for School Threat Assessment Training (looking to get all deputies trained so there will always be a deputy trained to train a school), and Sergeant Logan Olson received confirmation the a \$15,360 grant was received to replace the LiveScan Fingerprint machine. There is a match of \$1,700 from the county; Chief Deputy Engfer thinks there will be a financial savings in over-time for training.

Chief Deputy Engfer advised the committee that he received a letter of resignation from Deputy Brian King; however, Sheriff Schmidtknecht has some ideas in place which will be discussed at the May committee meeting.

The flood run went smoothly; could be because of it being the same time as Easter weekend but it was still well attended for a spring run. There were a couple of complaints relating to traffic flow but one of the complaints turned out to be unfounded. There were a few new motorcycle gangs who attended the event this year.

Jail Lieutenant Report: Lieutenant Mikelson presented her report. As of March, there were 127 total bookings, the jail assessment balance is at \$73,779.54, and training in March consisted of Dustin Steele successfully completing jail academy, and Sadie Gunderson, Will Thomas, and Emily Walter attended the WI Jail Association Conference.

Next meeting is currently set for May 21st at 9:00am.

10:57a.m., motion to adjourn by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Taylor.

Melissa L. Brunner, Secretary