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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 18, 2019

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Meeting called to order by Mr. Brunkow at 9:00 am.

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

Others present: Sheriff Michael Schmidtknecht, Melissa Brunner, Chief Deputy Engfer, and Lieutenant Diane Mikelson

Public-Ceil Novinski. Ceil is a communications/corrections officer with Buffalo County. She wanted to express her concern for those CCO's who work nights and propose that the county consider giving the CCO's who work a night shift, differential pay.

She provided handouts to the committee, one was an article from the Winona Daily News from November 2018. Among other topics, the article discussed a person's body and the effects on it when working at night. Also, she presented a handout of agency/business shift night pay differential comparisons.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that the next step will be for Ceil to meet with Sonya Hansen to discuss, and then to move it to the Human Resources Committee but Sonya wanted the home committee to be aware. Mr. Bork stated that he is understanding of the effects of night shift work.

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

Law Enforcement May bills paid in June: Ms. Brunner advised the committee that a couple of standard urgent bills come in after the mailing of the voucher printout. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve the bills as presented with additions, second by Mr. Kriesel. Motion carried.

Current Expenditures LE/Jail: Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed the current expenditure handout. He reiterated that the agency is down two deputies so, the committee can expect to see more part-time pay to cover those full-time shifts. In "Patrol" line item "248" a maintenance bill for CIS was taken out of that account by mistake, it should have come out of "Jail-248". It has been requested to do a line amount transfer. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to accept current expenditures, second by Mr. Schreiner. Motion carried.

Staffing updates: Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that an offer was extended to a part-time staff member who has been working with the sheriff's office for some time and also serves on a local ambulance service. Sheriff advised that the WPPA (deputy union) does not have an issue with a part-time employee being hired in this full-time position as long as it doesn't interfere with a union member.

CCO Ryan Vollmer is scheduled to be on his own this week. He is doing very well. Also, the female background should be completed the end of this week also.

Highway 35 detour issues/patrol over-time: Sheriff Schmidt knecht advised the committee that due to the extra needed coverage to monitor the detour, the committee is to expect patrol part-time, over-time. There is a worked hour's cap for part-time employees but if it gets to that point, it will be discussed with Sonya Hansen. Additionally, the other rotation's patrol sergeant has been working over-time to help cover supervisory duties as the other sergeant is out on FMLA.

Chief Deputy Report: Chief Deputy Engfer presented his report. He advised the committee that there were 660 calls for service in the month of May. Over-time is up at 45.25 hours, 10 hours of over-time will be reimbursed by the state. Some special/significant events were local schools DARE graduations, and a fatal UTV crash.

Jail Lieutenant Report: Lieutenant Mikelson presented her report. As of the end of May, there were 197 total bookings for the year. \$4,940.16 has been collected from ES Sanctions for the year, and the jail assessment balance is at \$72,661.11 for the year. There has been staff training for May which consisted of in-house training for Advanced Correctional Health Care, Regional Jail Administration meeting, and jail in-service. The inmate daily headcount for May was 14.10 average.

Sheriff's Report: Sheriff Schmidt knecht advised the committee that he's presenting the 2018 year-end budget which will be presented on Monday, as well as working on the 2020 budget. Also, he informed the committee that legislature is working on making HSHS Sacred Heart a larger mental health facility by adding an additional 22 beds. This would potentially aid in saving Buffalo County in large transport fees for mental health commitments.

Emergency Management Expenditures/written report: Mr. Brunkow read Mr. Fuerbringer's written report. Mr. Fuerbringer attended many meetings/trainings in May. The purchase of the F-150 truck from the sheriff's office has been completed. He created a draft Level-B contract between the Menomonie Fire Department and Buffalo, Pepin, Pierce, and St. Croix counties, further review and discussion to ensue. He participated in a webinar regarding possible funding for FirstNet Communications (At&t's priority cellphone service for emergency responders).

Motion to accept report by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Kriesel. Motion carried.

Next meeting is currently set for July 09th at 9:00am.

10:11a.m., motion to adjourn by Mr. Schreiner, second by Mr. Kriesel.

Melissa L. Brunner, Secretary