

Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: July 19, 2021

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: July 26, 2021

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

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

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

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

2: Public Comments: None

3: Review/Discussion/Action: Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to approve May minutes as corrected by Ms. Brunner (#8-should have stated "40" hours a
week, not 80) made by Mr. Grisen, second by Mr. Nelson. Motion carried.

4: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

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

Mr. Taylor accepted vouchers.

6: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Current Law Enforcement Expenditures Update:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that the budget is currently still under. Again, some line items are
higher due to transactions made in the earlier part of the year. Mr. Taylor accepted reports.

7: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Telecommuting request:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht distributed a request from Tammy Huber to continue her telecommuting.
Motion to move Ms. Huber's request onto Human Resources Committee; the committee's
suggesting to HR would be to allow the telecommuting for a one-year trial and then revisit the
request. Motion carried.

8: Discussion ~ Update to law enforcement personnel:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that the new CCO has been doing well. On July 23rd,
is the closing for the current CCO ad. The new patrol deputy is doing very well and is projected to
be on his own on August 1st.

9: Discussion ~ Lexipol Policy Award:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht displayed to the committee an award from Lexipol. Lexipol is the agency's
public safety and training service provider. Lexipol is not paid from the county's budget, it is a
service provided and paid for by Aegis, the county's insurance. There are daily training bulletins
that go out to patrol deputies, a series of 30 questions/scenarios each month.

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that there has been one fatality, which occurred in Fountain City and is still under investigation, 5 individuals were recognized at a recent Highway Safety Committee meeting for their quick action during an accident involving a log truck and SUV in April. The Sheriff's Office is slowly opening up the jail, with regard to current Covid guidelines/protocols.

Chief Deputy Engfer presented his May report. There were 636 Calls for Service, 67.25 OT hours, 7.75 OT hours reimbursed, significant event: sexual assault occurred in the Town of Buffalo, and several donations were received: City of Alma for DARE \$1000.00, Thomas and Deborah Pedric for DARE \$100.00, Tavern League for K9 \$1000.00 and Bar Creations LLC for K9 \$250.00.

June report: There were 674 Calls for Service, 91.5 hours of OT, 1.5 hours of OT reimbursed, significant events: Standoff with armed subject on the River- Town of Nelson, Body Recovery- Town of Buffalo, and Vehicle Pursuit. Donations received: Sheriff Schmidtknecht- \$50 for DARE, and In memory of Richard Harry \$565 for K9.

Lieutenant Mikelson presented her report. 144 bookings, year to date. Collected \$330.00 Huber/Electronic Monitoring, \$5,917.90 from ES Sanctions, \$205.84 from DOC-prisoner holds, year to date. All staff completed 24 hours of training required by Standard & Training. 14.74 average inmate daily head count for May, and 15.03 as an average. 3,533 total calls received into dispatch for June (281 were emergency).

11. Discussion ~ Acknowledgement of VFW Public Servant Award:

Mr. Taylor displayed to the committee an award that Sheriff Schmidtknecht received from the VFW, which he was nominated for and had won at the local level; he is in the running for the State of Wisconsin VFW award.

12: Discussion ~ ATV/UTV concerns:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the committee that he has been receiving more calls of ATV/UTV usage on highways. Roads are not fully signed and the ordinance has not been posted in the paper. Chief Deputy Engfer stated that the DNR announced that there has been 16 ATV/UTV accidents within the first 6 months of the year.

13. Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management Written Report:

Mr. Fuerbringer's report was provided to the committee in their packets.

All reports were accepted by Mr. Taylor.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next meeting Date and Time:


Next meeting date currently set for September 14, 2021 at 11:00am.

14: Public comment not related to agenda items:

None

15: Adjournment:

9:54am, Mr. Grisen motioned for adjournment, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.



Melissa Brunner, Secretary