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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: June 07, 2016

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Members Present: Mary Anne McMillan Urell, John Kriesel, Bernard Brunkow, Scott Smith, Steve Schiffli, and Sheriff Michael Schmidtknecht.

Others Present: Sonya Hansen, Diane Mikelson, Melissa Brunner, Cecilia Novinski, and Casey Brownell.

Public Comments: None

Ms. McMillan Urell called meeting to order at 3:30pm.

Ms. McMillan Urell called ahead agenda item 10, Emergency Management Expenditures. Mr. Schiffli reported that there was nothing out of the ordinary expended. Mr. Kriesel made motion to approve Expenditure report, second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Mr. Schiffli then discussed his department report. He discussed the MABAS Grant and LEPC Grant. He can write into the LEPC Homeland Security \$18,000.00 Grant. ANCOM is working on getting him a quote for an antenna. He then discussed the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. They have now incorporated the concerns about the rail; municipalities really added a lot of input. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016-2020 and forward to County Board in July, second by Ms. McMillan Urell. Motion carried.

Mr. Schiffli the discussed his suggested 2017 budget. He does not see many changes to his budget at this time. However, he is in need of a new, updated radio. He handed out to the committee a quote from Motorola for a new portable radio. He notified the committee that 50% of the quote could be picked up by EMPG costs out of capital outlay. He also noted that he does not have any outside statutory requirements that he performs daily.

Approval of May minutes. Mr. Kriesel made motion to approve May minutes, second by Mr. Brunkow. Motion carried.

Lieutenant Mikelson discussed the Resolution to purchase headsets for the communications/correction officers. She had received two updated quotes and now has the 3rd quote (Libertel). The headsets will be used all shift except when needing to enter the jail. She is familiar with all vendors but is recommending Libertel, in part, due to other agencies that have used them as a vendor with good results. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to purchase 14 wireless headsets from Libertel Associates at a cost of \$2,551.35 to be taken out of CAPX2020 funds, second by Mr. Smith. All approved, Motion carried.

Discussion of the 12-hour shifts for communications/correction officers. Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed the current rotation with patrol and the positives he has seen in the morale and sick coverage. According to a discussion he had with Sonya Hansen, even

with working an 8-hour shift a pay period, it still comes out to 104 hours additional a year, per person. Sheriff suggested doing a one-year trial period similar to the patrol.

Communications/Corrections is still down one staff according to state jail requirements so there is a limitation of hours that can be cut. Sergeant Brownell discussed the current communications/correction schedule and how once reaching 40 hours, they receive over-time. He mentioned that how there are more “unknowns” in an 8-hour shift that could cause over-time compared to a 12-hour shift. Lieutenant Mikelson discussed the current over-time figure that has been paid out since the enactment of Act10. Sergeant Brownell reminded the committee that if only two staff are on at a time, only one can leave to go into the jail. What about jail incidents that may occur? Mr. Brunkow made a motion to move the 12-hour shifts to Human Resources, second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht presented his monthly reports. Chief Deputy’s reports are not available due to the meeting being early in the month. Discussion of over-time costs was held. Medical transports are up. Local jails are getting full in certain areas of their jails and are refusing to take on additional inmates who have behavioral problems.

Lieutenant Mikelson presented her January, February, March and April jail reports.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht stated that an old squad was sold on the auction site; earnings went back into the County’s revenues. A \$700.00 grant was applied for and approved to get a medication disposal bin. He updated the committee that Eau Claire would not be charging the county for the SWAT assistance in May 2016 (suicidal subject).

Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed the 2017 budget. He proposed that he could limit purchases of a couple of MDC’s (Mobile Data Computers) at a time or one car at a time but that would leave a large amount to pay all at once in the future. Committee suggested that he stick with what he has been doing and make the budget as realistic as possible.

Next Law Enforcement/Emergency Management meeting scheduled for July 5, 2016 at 3:30pm. Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Melissa Brunner, Secretary

******ATTACHMENTS: COPY OF RESOLUTION & 3-QUOTES, JAIL REPORTS (JAN, FEB, MAR, & APR), DISPATCH/911 REPORT, AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT.**