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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: February 07, 2017

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Chairperson Mary Anne McMillan Urell called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

Members present: Mary Anne McMillan Urell, John Kriesel, Scott Smith, and Bernie Brunkow-EXCUSED

Others present: Sheriff Michael Schmidtknecht, Lieutenant Mikelson, Sonya Hansen, and Melissa Brunner

Approval of January minutes. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Ms. Hansen advised the committee that Buffalo County is invited to Pepin County on March 15, 2017 at 7:00pm for a presentation regarding Pepin County's Radio Communications/E911 study.

Ms. Hansen discussed with the committee that in Mr. Schiffli's absence, she would be providing information to the committee regarding the due FEMA grant. She has been working on getting the grant written and has requested the assistance from other departments. There are two properties located on in Gilmanton on Gunderson Road that are in the flood zone. In order for the county to buy back the property, two criteria needs to be met. The grant itself could take up to one year to be approved. Once property is purchased, it cannot have a building constructed back on it. Mr. Schiffli has been coming in on Fridays to check on things and to help out where he can. Ms. Hansen stated that there is not a written report for this month and that there was nothing out of the ordinary for expenditures.

Approval of bills. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve and accept bills as presented, second by Mr. Kriesel. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed the fiber optic radio connection. The purchase was budgeted under \$10,000 in the amount of \$9,138.00. The connection will be piggy backed with Cochrane Telephone Company's line from the Alma tower to the radio base. This purchase is not related to the E911-Vesta purchase. It's a necessary purchase due to corrosion of radio lines which are causing bad radio connectivity. ANCOM calls this line the POTS (plain old telephone service) line.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht then discussed daily fees. We had several calls into Winona but did not receive returned calls. He stated that ½ of the 72 Wisconsin counties have a processing fee when individuals are booked in. Just under ½ of the counties charge a sentenced/non-working daily fee. Questions arose if we should charge at the time of sentencing? Would you collect each time an individual is processed? It was discussed that CJCC will cut down on future inmate census within the next year. Ms. Hansen would like us all to wait and see what happens with CJCC before moving forward with the fees. It was discussed that corporation counsel should be apprised of the discussion and try to have him present for any future discussions. It was discussed by the Ms.

McMillan Urell that billing inmates could be done through the Administration Office. Ms. Hanson then stated that at this time, she did not feel she had staffing available to take on this task. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to table this agenda item for one year, second by Ms. McMillan Urell. Motion carried.

No Chief Deputy report.

No Jail Lieutenant report.

Sheriff Schmidknecht reported the following: As of today, there are 16 males and 4 females. He notified the committee of an incident on February 5th that involved a deputy and a Mondovi Police Department officer, which resulted in injury to both of them.

February 13th will be interviews for communications/corrections position.

The 2016 Annual Report is just about complete. He hopes to present it at the March meeting.

February 9th will be a recognizing of all EMS services at the CFC basketball game.

February 16th will be the CFC donkey basketball game, which some of our law enforcement personnel have chosen to ride in.

March meeting is currently set for March 14th at 5pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Melissa L. Brunner, Secretary

***Attachments: Dispatch Calls and Mapping Stats for 2016 (1 page)