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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: October 23, 2018

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Meeting called to order by Mr. Brunkow at 8:00am.

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

Others present: Sheriff Schmidtknecht, Melissa Brunner, Chief Deputy Engfer, Lieutenant Mikelson, Don Hillert, and Bruce Fuerbringer-entered 8:25am.

Minutes approved as mailed. Motion by Mr. Kriesel, second by Mr. Bork. Motion carried.

Presentation of officer certificates. Mr. Brunkow presented both Sergeant Ryan Howell and Deputy Jake Laehn with exemplary efforts certificates for a traffic crash that occurred on July 2, 2018 on Highway 37, near the highway shop. Both officers exhausted their efforts in attempt to save the life of a man trapped within his vehicle by attempting to remove him from the vehicle and providing CPR. Sheriff Schmidtknecht wanted the committee to know that both officers didn't feel they should have been recognized since the man did not survive; he explained that an officer could be recognized at every meeting for their efforts. Yes, this type of action is just part of their job but what they do is a very important job.

Discussion of bills submitted. Mr. Brunkow advised that he still is not happy with law enforcement having to pay for the At&t phase I&II invoices and has been addressing the issue. Mr. Bork motioned to accept the bills as presented, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9-Staff update. Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed that both communications/corrections new hires are in the process of being trained; one of the hires has some training with using the radio. He discussed that if the new communications/corrections position doesn't move forward; it can be brought back to the Finance Committee in December.

Agenda Item #10-Law Enforcement/Jail reports. Chief Deputy Engfer discussed his monthly report. He advised the committee that a rise in the over-time was due to additional officers being called out to higher risk calls. As of the end of September, there were 667 calls for service. 143 hours were over-time, and 39 of those over-time hours are reimbursable. If the over-time, reimbursable hours were subtracted, the agency would be back on schedule for over-time.

Lieutenant Mikelson discussed her report. As of year to end of September, there have been 390 bookings. A partial payment of \$217.00 was received by tax intercept for one inmate's debt, which brings a received total of \$448.77. The jail assessment balance as of the end of September is \$68,513.57. The average inmate population for the end of September was 17.67.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht reported to the committee that the 2019 budget took up the majority of his time but in the near future, he will be making time to work with the new corporation counsel to discuss jail fees. He also reported that he had recently received notification from Enterprise Rental that they had cancelled the two 2019 leased vehicles orders due to Ford shutting down their production. He is waiting for more information in order to move forward.

Agenda Item #6 & 7-Emergency Management reports. Mr. Fuerbringer reported that there has been no major expenditures; most of his expenses have been for training but have been funded by the state. He has been involved in FEMA disaster, and WEM disaster exercises. The state has asked Mr. Fuerbringer to further this training education and certification due to Steve Schiffli being deployed longer than originally anticipated.

Mr. Fuerbringer also reported to the committee that there are thoughts of possibly hiring a retired highway employee to complete the fire sign installation. With regard the courthouse security key fob, bids have come in just under \$100,000. He's looking to put together a proposal to present to larger entities for possible donations towards the safety system.

Next meeting is set for December 14, 2018 at 9:00am. Currently, there will not be a November meeting.

Mr. Kriesel motioned for adjournment, second by Mr. Taylor. Adjournment at 8:45am.

Melissa L. Brunner, Secretary