

PUBLIC SAFETY

May 14, 2015

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Kersten Rocksvold. Committee members Marge Sheckler and Mary Jane Faas were present. Also present were Sheriff Dale McCullick, Coroner Joe Morovits, 911 Coordinator Julie Cipra, Public Health Director Gloria Wall, RN and Administrative Assistant Joyce Fritsche-Roberts. Committee members Phil Mueller, Greg Russell and Emergency Government Director Roger Martin were absent.
- Verify posting** The meeting was verified as having been properly posted.
- Next meeting** June 9, 2015.
- Approval of Minutes** Sheckler moved; Faas seconded to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2015 meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Public Health** Ebola exercise will be held May 18th in Viroqua.
- Coroner** Faas moved; Sheckler seconded to approve the Coroner's bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- 911 Coordinator** Julie presented Communication Center bills. There is a pro-rated annual maintenance bill for Fire Simulcast equipment for May-Dec, 2015 as the first year of service was covered under warranty.
- Sheriff Simulcast will be installed Tuesday, May 19th. Tower site alarm project is in process and should be complete within a month.
- Julie was contacted by the Canadian Pacific Railroad about installing a tower near our Sheriff's Tower on Radio Ln to communicate with their trains in Iowa. Our concern is possible interference with the equipment. Julie gave their proposed specifications to our radio engineer who made some filtering and location recommendations. Canadian Pacific is aware that filtering would be required to obtain a conditional use permit. Julie and the County Zoning Administrator have discussed the conditional use requirements in the event Canadian Pacific does apply for a tower permit.
- Began training a new part time dispatcher this past month. Lisa and Julie will be attending FTO training at SW Tech in June.
- Sheckler moved; Russell seconded to approve 911 bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- Emergency Management** No bills or report were submitted for Emergency Management.
- Sheriff** MACH (Mobile Architecture for Communications Handling), a new computer system, has been installed in all squad cars and at dispatch. The system allows dispatch to see where all the Sheriff Department cars are located at any time during their shift and likewise allows the deputies to see where other officers are within the county. Instant messages can be sent between dispatch and patrol units and the patrol units can send messages to each other. A \$4,000 Click It or Ticket grant was used to purchase wireless and GPS boosters to run the MACH program.
- A grant was received from BNSF for \$4,045.86 to purchase Body Cams. The OWI Task Force grant of \$23,365.26 is underway. Equipment must be purchased with \$5,000; the remaining \$17,365.26 is allocated for deputy overtime hours.

Sealed bids were received to sell two high mileage Crown Vic squad cars. A bid for each vehicle was accepted.

The state mandates all certified officers go through Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) training every two years. Southwest Technical College held the training in Prairie du Chien.

Grant money from Bullet Proof Vest Partnership will help replace the current vests that deputies wear. Expected lifetime of a vest is 5 years.

In 2012, Governor Walker terminated funding for the GED Program in the jail. SWTC has approached the Jail Administrator to resume the program. Over a 38 week period, inmates will receive 2 hours per week for a cost of \$2216. Sheckler made the motion to reinstate the GED program. Faas seconded. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

The Sheriff's office will sponsor an intern for the summer. Faas made the motion to continue with internship. Sheckler seconded. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Sheckler moved; Faas second to approve the Sheriff's bills and bank statements. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.

Closed Session

At 10:06 a.m., Faas moved, Sheckler seconded to move into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (1)(f) to discuss job applications. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

At 10:24 a.m. Sheckler moved, Faas seconded to reconvene into open session pursuant to Section 19.85(2). The motion carried unanimously with no negative votes cast.

Adjournment

Faas moved; Sheckler seconded to adjourn. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Joyce Fritsche-Roberts, Administrative Assistant