

Law Enforcement/ Emergency Management Committee Minutes
July 12, 2016

The Law Enforcement Committee meeting was held on July 12, 2016 in the Integrity Meeting Room, at the Kewaunee County Courthouse.

Call to Order: Linda Sinkula called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Linda Sinkula, Chairperson, Pat Benes, Scott Jahnke, Sheriff Matt Joski, Chief Deputy David Cornelius. EOC Director Nollenberg, excused. Chris Rasmussen, excused.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Travel/Training Request:

Sheriff's Office requested approval for Lt. Jason Veeseer and Lt. Chris VanErem to attend the Spillman User Group Training, to be held July 26-27 in Superior WI. The motion was made by Pat Benes to approve this request. Seconded by Scott Jahnke. Motion carried.

Emergency Management: No requests.

Agenda:

Law Enforcement:

a.) Review of 2016 Budget: Sheriff Joski pointed out the overtime in the jail. The jail staff has incorporated the new 12 hour shift schedule as of 7-11-16, which should alleviate some of this overtime, but the sheriff's department is still down 3 positions, and if we don't staff these positions, this new schedule will not work. There is no "elasticity" without the proper staffing with this new schedule.

This schedule is not permanent for now, and only being tried to see if this will work. The OT issue should drop as this schedule is implemented. The department received 24 applicants in the recent eligibility list, and that list was narrowed to 16 applicants that would test for the position. Only 10 of the 16 showed for testing. The newest road officer was taken off the patrol schedule and went back in the jail to help cover until September, when it is hoped to have positions filled by then.

The other budget issue that is up, is the training expenses. This is due to the number of trainees we had leave the department recently. We are training new people to meet the requirements, and do the training within .

b.) Review of Jail Population: Sheriff Joski pointed out the population was down slightly since the last review. With the new Judge taking office next month, he sees this going up some, since it is known there is a number of warrants sitting idle with the Clerk of Courts office that need to go out.

c.) Update on Jail Study: The planning on new institution technical assistance request has been made in June. It has been changed from 4 people going to the National Institute, that they will be having their people coming locally, so we could possibly get more local involvement in this planning.

d.) 21st Century Policing: Sheriff Joski reports a telephone conference call is set for Wednesday, 07/13/16 to begin working on Pillars 1 & 6. Pillar 1 is in regards to Building Trust and Legitimacy, and pillar 6 involves Officer Wellness and Safety. Joski will be sharing how our agency has already begun to incorporate these pillars into our everyday processes.

e.) Staffing update: As stated earlier, 24 applications were received for the eligibility list hiring. Of those 16 were chosen to test, and only 10 of the 16 actually showed up to take the test. The results from the testing are expected this week, and we will be scheduling interviews as soon as possible. Sheriff Joski, requested the authorization to hire from this list, since we have lost two employees since the request to begin the eligibility list. Pat Benes made the motion to authorize the sheriff's department to hire 2 people, and recommend this to the personnel committee. Scott Jahnke seconded this motion. Motion carried.

f.) Review and Recommendations of Committee Rules & Duties: Sheriff Joski handed out a document showing how the current rules and duties read. After some discussion, it was suggested to remove "and develop" from the current statements, and replace it with "of, for", and to also change from "Determine" to Review. Sheriff Joski will bring these changes to Administrator Feldt.

Emergency Management: Due to the absence of Director Nollenberg, there was no updates given for Emergency Management.

Approval of Bills: Scott Jahnke did question the police and fire fees on the phone bills. This was explained by Sheriff Joski these fees are charged per state statute, and are to be returned for use by police and fire. Over the years the monies have been used at the state level in the general fund. Sheriff Joski has spoken with Joel Kitchens and requested these monies be strictly used for 911/police and fire uses, where departments could apply for the monies in this fund to fund projects, such as the "mapping & 911" project Kewaunee County is facing.

Pat Benes made the motion to approve the payment of bills for both Law Enforcement and Emergency Management, seconded by Scott Jahnke. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: The meeting for August was tentatively set for Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. to be held (if necessary) at the Kewaunee County Sheriff's Office, Integrity meeting room.

Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Adjourned: Scott Jahnke made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Pat Benes, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 955 hours.

Minutes provided by: Recording Secretary, Mary Berkovitz

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