

KEWAUNEE COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Date: February 14, 2024

Kewaunee County Administration Building – Conference Room
810 Lincoln Street, Kewaunee WI

Time: 8:00 A. M.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approve Agenda
4. Approve minutes- January 10, 2024 meeting
5. Public Comment

Justice Reports:

Emergency Management:

- a. Review 2023 Budget to date
- b. Review upcoming training/exercise
- c. Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week, April 8-12, 2024
- c. Director's Report

Sheriff's Department:

- a. Review 2024 Budget to date
- b. Staffing update
- c. Review of overtime by category
- d. Update on Jail
- e. Information on upcoming Next Generation 911 Upgrade Grant Program
- f. Discussion and Possible action on Jailer/Dispatcher Holiday Schedule
- g. Department Spotlight – Leadership Development

6. Set Meeting Dates Next Scheduled **March 13, 2024** @ Kewaunee – Conference Room @ 800AM,
April 10, 2024 @ Kewaunee – Conference Room @ 8:00 AM

7. Travel Requests

Emergency Management: Tracy Nollenberg-Kim Selner, National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference – April 28 – May 3, Dallas, TX

Sheriff's Department: Zellner, Vandermoss, Jandrin, Reimer- WAIO (WI Assoc. of Identification Officers) Conference. March 18-22, 2024/ Eau Claire, WI

8. Chair Comments-

9. SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

10. ADJOURN

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Kewaunee County Public Safety & Justice Committee Minutes
January 10, 2024

The Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting was held on January 10, 2024 in the Conference Room at the Kewaunee County Administration Center.

Call to Order: Chairman John Mastalir called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Mastalir, Scott Browne, Scott Jahnke, Joe Lukes, EOC Director Tracy Nollenberg, Sheriff Matt Joski and Chief Deputy Jason Veese were present. Doug Doell was excused.

Approve Agenda: The motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Lukes and second made by Scott Jahnke. Motion carried.

Approve Previous Month Meeting Minutes: The motion to approve the minutes from the December 13, 2023 meeting was made by Joe Lukes and second made by Scott Jahnke. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Justice Reports: None.

AGENDA:

Emergency Management:

a) **Review 2023 Budget to Date:**

EOC Director Nollenberg handed out a copy of the 2023 budget to date and asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

b) **Review Upcoming Training/Exercise:**

EOC Director Nollenberg stated they have an upcoming dosimetry training with emergency responders. Dosimetry is a tool that is used to monitor radiation when responding to a nuclear incident.

EOC Director Nollenberg stated on January 9 she attended a cybersecurity awareness presentation. She would like to conduct county training or a tabletop on this topic.

EOC Director Nollenberg stated the Reception Center is at the Luxemburg Casco Intermediate School. They are working on revising the Reception Center plan and will have an exercise this summer. She stated they are changing how people enter and proceed through the stations with that the outside response set up has changed. She stated the public will pull up and meet with law enforcement and fire personnel. She stated fire personnel will relocate the vehicle to a designated location depending if it shows a reading of any contamination or not.

- c) Director's Report: EOC Director Nollenberg indicated that she included a RAVE flyer in the county taxes again this year. She stated their office are receiving calls in regards to signing up. She stated their office will be educating the public as to how they get notified and what phone apps are beneficial. She stated she is also worked with Josh on producing a video to educate the public on different ways they can be notified on their smart phones.

Scott Jahnke asked if the Monday night test page is related to RAVE. EOC Director Nollenberg stated that Monday Night test page is performed by law enforcement. She stated the Wednesday morning page is for emergency responders to nuclear events.

EOC Director Nollenberg indicated the 2023 Clean Sweep is now closed and she has submitted the paperwork for reimbursements. She stated the Tier 2 reports are being done for businesses with hazardous materials and extremely hazardous materials.

She stated the Republic National Convention will be in Milwaukee in July 2024 and the NFL Draft in 2025 will be in Brown County.

EOC Director Nollenberg stated she is working on quarterly reports for the state (HAZMAT Refresher and Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant).

Scott Browne asked if local fire department can put out electric car fires and EOC Director Nollenberg stated Casco Fire has a specific blanket that will assist with this. The Hazmat Refresher that is currently being held discusses response to electric car fires and hazardous substance concerns.

Sheriff's Office:

- a) Review 2023 Budget to Date:

Sheriff Joski stated the November 2023 budget has been closed out and it was projected the department would be at 89% and they are actually at 85%. He stated he doesn't see any big expenses for the rest of 2023. He stated the squad issues they had were mainly covered by outlay and insurance. He stated they shipped out 5 old squad cars that will be sold. He stated he expects to receive between \$5,000-\$6,000 per SUV and around \$4,000 for each car.

- b) Staffing Update:

Sheriff Joski stated the current staff is great. He stated they recently held a swearing in and promotion ceremony as well as three retirement ceremonies. He stated the department is conducting ongoing recruitment and the job posting will be up continually. He stated they have a new employee starting at the next pay period and another they are completing a background check on that could start in February. He stated the department is working on producing a recruitment video with the PIO as well as a video on how the prescription drug drop off program works at the Safety Building.

c) Review of Overtime by Category:

Chief Deputy Veeseer handed out the overtime reports. He stated this year looks better than previous years. He stated the current overtime is higher by 1,000 hours but the grants and city assist paybacks lower that and the overtime ends up being lower than last year. He stated they are expecting more overtime to begin 2024 as they had one employee on FMLA and they are 5 positions down. A short discussion was then held on FMLA laws.

d) Update on Jail Plans:

Sheriff Joski stated at the recent jail meeting they decided to move past Midwest Builders. He stated Midwest never responded to our Corp Counsel's e-mails. He stated a new RFP/RFQ is being developed with the attorneys. He stated the last 8 years was not in vain as the knowledge gained will assist in going forward with designing the new jail.

Sheriff Joski stated they are working on updating parts of the current jail. He stated they are waiting for a quote from Stronghold and then the jail inspector will review the quote to determine what issues need to be addressed. Chief Deputy Veeseer stated the front door and some Huber issues will definitely be addressed. Scott Jahnke asked if the jail door could be saved and Chief Deputy Veeseer indicated they are not replacing the door as they are just fixing the locking system.

Sheriff Joski stated the server upgrade has been approved. He said this server is necessary to maintain line of sight in the jail. He said it is a lawsuit waiting to happen if we can't view inmates. Scott Jahnke asked if there is a backup and Sheriff Joski stated there is a battery and generator.

Chief Deputy Veeseer handed out Lt. Chris VanErem's report on the jail population from 2017-2023. Chairman Mastalir asked about DOC inmates and how that affects the jail's bottom line. Sheriff Joski stated the state wants to decrease the populations in the jail, however, when these individuals are out on probation, they are then placed into local jail for an undetermined amount of time on probation holds. He stated that is something the jail cannot plan for. Chief Deputy Veeseer stated Probation and Parole don't place probation holds on client as much as they used to. He stated that will probably change in the future.

Sheriff Joski stated they have to watch the classification of inmates because you cannot place victims/suspects in the same cells. He stated you also cannot place inmates together that were in on crimes together or ones that develop relationships while in jail.

Scott Jahnke asked if criminals are receiving lower sentences and Chief Deputy Veeseer indicated the issue they have is when criminals violate their probation and parole conditions.

Scott Browne asked if it was still true that our jail doesn't hold inmates that have a jail sentence over 1 year. Sheriff Joski stated that is true once they are sentenced but they

could be held in our jail for many years waiting for conviction. Chief Deputy Veesser stated the courts shouldn't take that long but it can happen.

e) Update on Mutual Aid Investigation:

Sheriff Joski stated the department was recently involved in a mutual aid investigation with another county. He stated Kewaunee County was mentioned as a possible location where a crime had previously been committed. He stated there were many agencies involved from the county level to the state level. He stated nothing was found during this investigation but never know if further information could be developed.

Joe Lukes asked if we could charge the other county for the time Kewaunee County invested and Chief Deputy Veesser stated no because it was indicated the crime was committed here. He stated we could go after the "suspect" but it's not worth it.

f) Department Spotlight:

Sheriff Joski wanted to draw attention to our Chaplaincy Program. He stated Pastor Carl Brewer from St. John's Lutheran in Luxemburg has volunteered to be our Chaplain. Sheriff Joski stated his demeanor and personality fit in perfectly with the department and he is creating great relationships with our staff. He stated Chaplain Brewer has come to our meetings and events as he is part of the law enforcement family.

Sheriff Joski stated staff is comfortable with the fact that they can talk to Chaplain Brewer knowing it will remain confidential.

Joe Lukes asked if the Chaplain would accompany the department for a death notification. Sheriff Joski stated he and Chief Deputy Veesser are the ones that normally make first contact and they would not bring the Chaplain along.

John Mastalir asked if Chaplain Brewer was receiving time reimbursement. Sheriff Joski stated the department is sending him to a conference and have provided him supplies and uniforms. Sheriff Joski stated Chaplain Brewer is willing to donate his time. John Mastalir asked how Chaplain Brewer was chosen and Sheriff Joski stated he spoke to residents and learned of his compassion, humor, solemnness and understanding and knew he would be a perfect fit.

Chief Deputy Veesser stated Chaplain Brewer has been well received by officers. He stated this kind of support is what is needed to keep officers in Law Enforcement. He stated 25 years ago, when a shooting took place, most officers would quit or commit suicide. He stated this focus on wellness is what keeps officers employed and safe.

Sheriff Joski stated these programs normalize talking about officers' emotional and mental injuries. He stated the physical injuries are a quick fix but these mental and emotional injuries need the attention.

Next Meeting Dates: The next meeting is set for February 14, 2024 at 8 a.m. to be held in the conference room at the Administrative Building.

Proposed date set for March 13, 2024 at 8 a.m. also in the conference room at the Administrative Building.

Travel Requests:

Sheriff Joski stated Nia DuBois & Dana Schopf will be attending the WI School Safety Coordinator Conference from March 6 to March 8 at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dells.

John Mastair stated he heard they want less officers in the school. Chief Deputy Veaser stated all of our schools have an SRO. He stated Algoma and Kewaunee are currently part time and he feels those will eventually be full time. Sheriff Joski stated you just have to find the right staff for the position. He stated their SRO's have great rapport with the kids. He stated parents and staff appreciate having a marked squad car parked at the school to indicate the presence of law enforcement. Sheriff Joski stated the largest population in the county is at the schools and that population has a wide range of dynamics. He stated SRO's are a critical resource to help students and to provide a positive influence.

The motion to approve the travel request made by Joe Lukes and second made by Scott Browne. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Comments: None.

Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

None.

Adjourned:

Scott Jahnke made the motion to adjourn, and Scott Browne seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Minutes provided by:
Tara LaCrosse, Recording Secretary