

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting was held August 13, 2019 at the Luxemburg Fairgrounds Building.

- CALLED TO ORDER** John Mastalir called meeting to order at 8:18 am.
- ROLL CALL** Committee members present: John Mastalir, Charles Schmitt, Joe Lukes, Scott Jahnke and Doug Doell. Others present: Robert Weidner, Tracy Nollenberg, Matt Joski, Dave Cornelius, Jeff Wisnicky, Rebecca Deterville and Darren Kuhn.
- APPROVE AGENDA** Joe Lukes made the motion to approve, Doug Doell seconded. Motion carried.
- APPROVE MINUTES** Charles Schmitt motioned to approve minutes from July 12th meeting, Joe Lukes seconded motion. Motion carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENT** none
- SHERIFF'S DEPT**
- Review 2019 Budget to date:** Report received by committee. Department has been down basically four positions. Currently down approximately two positions. Has been a busy year in recruitment. New hire, Brandon Deprey, is not included in this report. Maintenance cost on newer vehicles explained, as well as expenses that are the culmination of multi-year active shooter trainings. Cost of uniforms for new hires, boarding of prisoners and probation and parole mentioned.
- Review of overtime by category:** Chief Deputy summarized handout to committee. Department received grant reimbursement for 80 hours overtime charged to drug unit, as well as reimbursement for some training expenses.
- Update on Facility Improvement Study Committee/Inmate Census Report:** Video of existing jail was posted online for public education purposes. Discussion of what the next phase will include (Phase 2) will take place at next Tuesday's County Board. Question addressed by Sheriff as to why no estimate of total price tag has been supplied yet. Any estimate given at this point would be incomplete since Study needs to go through last two phases.
- January 1, 2019 thru August 13, 2019 report average was 35.0 inmates; current month average so far is 35.5 inmates. Reminder that jail can only house 22 inmates.
- Staffing Update:** Three staff have passed their FTO (Field Team Officer) course. Wyatt VanGoethem, Justin Neumann and Chelsea Broomhall will be sworn in at courthouse ceremony. Committee was welcomed to attend. Another staff member, Logan Hermanns is currently enrolled in FTO, and another, Brandon Deprey will be starting his FTO in fall. There will be two employees on FMLA through end of year.
- Competition for law enforcement officers between surrounding counties discussed. Incentive options should happen to keep good employees with Department. A deputy recently left the Department who was highly invested in by the county. This deputy went to Algoma Police Department. It costs the county approximately \$33,000 to train an officer for 12-14 weeks, then lose them to another law enforcement agency pre-trained. Committee members asked if there is a possibility that County could consider having a minimum term contract with new hires. Jeff Wisnicky stated three year hiring contracts are legal and pretty common. Doug Doell and Joe Lukes shared their experience with the difficulty keeping new hires in other businesses too.

ATV/UTV Ordinance – Possible action recommending adoption by County: Copy of proposed ordinance received by committee. Jeff Wisnicky explained only change is the addition of requirement for operator to have minimum insurance coverage. Rates were taken from the State DOT website for minimum auto coverage requirement. There is nothing in this ordinance forcing Towns to open their roads to ATV/UTV use, but if they do, the ordinance enables County law enforcement to implement on properly signed Town roads. Warden Kuhn noted that the DNR is only able to investigate serious injury or fatal ATV/UTV incidents because there is only one Warden to cover a lot of territory. Posted speed limit signs for ATV/UTV use in other counties Kuhn serves is 35 MPH.

Robert Weidner advised committee to adopt recommendation of July 25, 2019 Safety Commission Meeting, to include specified insurance coverage in ordinance. Motion made by Joe Lukes to amend the ordinance and to include specified insurance coverages. Seconded by Doug Doell. Motion carried.

Request for an additional Protective Status employee in the Jail (Cross Training): Sheriff clarified this is not a new hire, it is a status reclassification for an existing employee. Motion made by Doug Doell to move this on to Executive Committee for approval. Seconded by Scott Jahnke. Motion carried.

EMERGENCY MGMT

Review 2019 Budget: Journal entries for June Training include funds reimbursed by NEW HERC (Northeast Wisconsin Healthcare Emergency Response Coalition) for Stop the Bleed Kits. Tracy will be training fire departments that receive kits.

NIMS Compliancy: County employees – 94.5%, County Board – 45% and Elected Officials – 83%.

Status of review of municipal Emergency Management plans: One plan has been completed. Tracy has five upcoming meetings with individual Towns to update their plans.

Review upcoming training/exercise events: June Point Beach exercise involved approximately 362 persons. Kewaunee County had fourteen criteria evaluated and all fourteen items passed. Department is waiting for FEMA's after action report in near future. The next evaluated Point Beach exercise will be in 2021.

An update on the utility trailer mentioned in past minutes – it is rated for 7,000#. It weighs 6,000#. Tracy will look at having items in trailer re-arranged to better distribute its weight.

Resolution Supporting Incentivizing Emergency Medical Services Volunteers: Draft resolution presented to committee. Tracy explained there is no cost to the county, resolution is simply stating that Kewaunee County agrees with the State creating a tax incentive for this purpose. Scott Jahnke made motion to move this resolution to County Board for approval. Joe Lukes seconded. Motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

John Mastalir discussed need to change day of week for monthly committee meetings. Charles Schmitt made motion to move Public Safety & Justice Committee meetings to first Wednesday of each month, seconded by Joe Lukes. Motion carried. Next meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 4th, 2019** - 8:15 am @ Sheriff's Department; **Wednesday, October 2nd, 2019** - 8:15 am @ Luxemburg Fairgrounds Building.

TRAVEL REQUESTS **Sheriff's Dept:** Lt. Van Erem, Sgt. Tuttle and Sgt. Jandrin to attend Jail Administrator's Conference October 9-11 @ Appleton. Doug Doell motioned to approve, Scott Jahnke seconded. Motion carried.

Emergency Mgmt: Tracy Nollenberg to attend WEMA & MABAS Conferences September 10-13, 2019 @ Stevens Point. Joe Lukes motioned to approve, Doug Doell seconded. Motion carried.

JUSTICE REPORTS **Court report from Rebecca Deterville regarding warrants:** Committee asked if she would be able to provide totals of active and unpaid warrants. As of August 1st, there were 416 active bench warrants (298 people with multiple warrants). Of total active warrants, 216 are for failure to pay. Rebecca noted County is currently pursuing other avenues to retrieve monies owed through the State Department of Revenue. This is a free service to County. Costs incurred will be the responsibility of those with the unpaid warrants. Robert Weidner mentioned resolution approving contract with WI DOR for collection of court debt is on the County Board Agenda for next Tuesday. *Kewaunee County has not served an active warrant for incarceration in our jail since 2016 due to no space at the Inn and any inmate put in other institutions is at our expense.*

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS John Mastalir thanked Clerk of Circuit Court, Rebecca Deterville for coming as well as DNR Safety Specialist Warden, Darren Kuhn.

ADJOURN Doug Doell motioned to adjourn, Charles Schmitt seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted by: Terri Marcusen, Program Assistant