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Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 18, 2018

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Meeting called to order by Mr. Brunkow at 9:30am.

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

Others present: Sheriff Schmidtknecht, Melissa Brunner, Chief Deputy Engfer, Mary Anne McMillan Urell, and Bruce Fuerbringer

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht stated that due to budget time constraints, the exemplary certificates will need to be presented during the October meeting.

Mr. Bork made a motion to accept August bills paid in September, second by Mr. Kriesel. Motion carried.

Mr. Brunkow asked that the agenda items be changed due to time restraints. He called #11-revised Law Enforcement/Jail 2019 Budget to order. Ms. McMillan Urell discussed the necessary need to use any 2018 budget savings towards the 2019 budget. It was deemed necessary to allow the departments to use 2018 savings in order to attempt to meet the county's requested 4% budget cuts for 2019.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed the revised 2019 budget. In comparison to the 2018 adopted budget, the 2019 budget will be \$7,716 under budget, with the 2018 savings costs applied. However, the additional communications/corrections officer will have to be cut from the jail budget unless the committee feels strongly to move forward with the position added to the budget. Based off of the staff numbers presented by administration, the CC officer will be an additional \$66,481. The revised budget does include the deputy position and the CC officer will need to be put into the 2020 budget. Mr. Bork stated that positions need to be filled and need to be filled before there is a more tragic situation within the county; we can't keep putting off hiring these positions. The committee discussed different talks of raising real estate taxes and charging a wheel tax in order to obtain county funding. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the 2019 LE/Jail budget with the addendum of including the additional CC officer using budget cost savings (additional budget costs added for the position would be \$59,000), second by Mr. Kriesel. Motion carried.

#12-LE/Jail staffing updates: Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed staffing updates. Currently, will be down 5 positions; 1-will be out to FMLA, 1-out due to injury, 1-in training, and female CC was recently filled, and the male position is in background status.

#13-North tower control building update: At last meeting, committee was waiting to hear if Risler Construction was able to repair both the roof and door of the building. Chief Deputy Engfer discussed that Nathan Risler (Risler Construction) was having issues locating parts for the door repair and so was Dean Severson (Severson Construction). However, Mr. Severson did advise that he believed that he could do the entire door repair for under \$1,000, which would include labor. Therefore, Mr. Risler will

do the repair work on the roof and Mr. Severson will do the repair work on the door. The highway department will be paying for half of the roof costs. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to repair the door using the quote from Severson Construction, second by Mr. Taylor. Motion carried.

#14-Backup battery purchase update: Chief Deputy Engfer advised the committee that Emergency Management is looking into assisting in the costs associated with the battery backup purchase. Chief Deputy Engfer is waiting for the invoice which has to be received prior to September 30th in order for EM to assist in the purchase.

Mr. Brunkow had to leave the meeting at 10:05am and appointed Mr. Kriesel to take over chairing the meeting.

#6-EM current expenditures: Mr. Fuerbringer didn't have any out of the ordinary purchases. He is looking into assisting law enforcement in purchasing a backup battery before the end of the year. By putting the EM and LEPC budgets together, the county will come out slightly ahead.

#7-EM written report: Mr. Fuerbringer stated that he was involved in a mock crash involving a semi carrying LP gas in Trempealeau County. He attended a workshop funded by FEMA and hosted by WI Emergency Management that included attendees from both public and private sectors. The workshop was intended to assist private sector businesses develop a plan to minimize business down time during a disaster. Mr. Fuerbringer had asked the representative, what about the large farming operations? The question had never been posed before.

#8-Revised EM budget: Mr. Fuerbringer stated that he did not have any revisions to bring forward to the committee; the budget was approved last meeting.

#10-Sheriff Schmidtknecht presented the current expenditures. He pointed out that the Capital Outlay line item (#995) balance is higher due to a decision not being made to go ahead with the leased vehicle option until July instead of January.

The committee discussed staffing personnel. Ms. McMillan Urell will confirm that if someone is asked to work light-duty for another department, who pays for that person's current wages; wages should come out of the department using the employee's services but she will confirm.

Chief Deputy Engfer presented his reports for August. There were 629 Calls for Service. There was 80.75 hours of over-time, a portion of that over-time was due to the manhunt and the fire fatality. 45.50 of the over-time hours will be reimbursed. The squad mileage average for August was 2,497 miles.

Sheriff Schmidtknecht reported that there was a stabbing in Buffalo County, victim is okay and the suspect is in custody. The fall Flood Run took place last weekend and it went well but smaller crowd. The new K9, Owen, will be going live next week with Deputy Scholl as his handler. Owen is dual purpose K9, he will track and also detect drugs.

Next meeting is set for October 23, 2018 at 8:30am.

Mr. Bork motioned for adjournment, second by Mr. Taylor. Adjournment at 10:40am.

Melissa L. Brunner, Secretary