



JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

February 8, 2017

The regular Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Starshak at 5:00 PM on February 8, 2017 in the County Board room of the Green Lake County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Michael Starshak
Larry Jenkins – Vice Chair
Peter Wallace
Sue Wendt

Others Present:

Joel Gerth, Corrections Administrator
Amanda Thoma, Coroner
Mark Putzke, Chief Deputy
Mark Podoll, Sheriff
Lori Evans, Admin. Ass't to Sheriff

Harley Reabe, Co. Board Chairman
Gary Podoll, EM Director
Dawn Klockow, Corp. Counsel
Amy Thoma, Clerk of Circuit Court
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.

AGENDA

Motion/Second (Wendt/Jenkins) to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/Second (Wallace/Wendt) to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Judicial/Law Enforcement meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PURCHASE REQUESTS

None

OUT OF STATE TRAVEL

A request for out of State travel was presented by the Sheriff for Corrections Lt. Lori Leahy to attend National Drug Court training in Washington D.C. from July 9 to July 12, 2017. All expenses are expected to be paid by the Drug Court Grant that was recently awarded to the County.

A request for out of State travel was presented by Coroner Amanda Thoma for training in Understanding Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood at the NYU School of Medicine in New York on May 1, 2017. Expenses totaling approximately \$1,000 were detailed in the information Coroner Thoma presented. She does have funds in her budget to cover these expenses.

Motion/Second (Jenkins/Wallace) to approve both out of State training requests and forward them to the County Board. All Ayes. Motion carried.

DRUG COURT GRANT UPDATE

Judge Slate was out of the County and was unable to give an update.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

None

DEPARTMENT RELATED COMMENTS

Clerk of Courts: Nothing to report.

Circuit Court/Register in Probate: Judge was out of the County.

District Attorney: No appearance.

Coroner's Office: Coroner Thoma reported that she has been very busy, averaging approximately one death per day or more. This is very rare and appears to be nationwide. The explanation she had heard was it was due to aging Baby Boomers. She expressed her concern about the alarming increase in deaths in Canada due to Heroin overdoses by people using Carfentanil (Fentanyl Elephant Tranquilizers). The biggest concern is that the drug is so lethal, that it can penetrate standard latex gloves used by health care providers and coroners. She is concerned about it expanding into the US and at this time just wants the committee to be aware of the concern.

Emergency Management: Gary Podoll reported that he is working on the Mitigation Plan update and explained that there is a grant available, with much of our share being in-kind. He will be bringing it to the Committee next month for approval. He stated that he met recently with the State Credentialing officials and they have approved what has been done. The coding is finished. The municipalities will be paying for the cards they use. He will be hosting a Debris Management training session on Feb. 22 through the 24th in the EOC. The training deals with disposal of debris after tornados or flooding. He and the Sheriff attended a Natural Gas and Power Outage seminar at Fox Valley Tech yesterday. He felt that it was a very good training session. He also reported that he is working on a grant with the DNR for a plat type book. More information on this will be upcoming.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Podoll reported that the SWAT truck should be here sometime in late February. When it arrives he will invite members to see it. With the retirement of Corrections Administrator Joel Gerth, he introduced his plan to restructure the Administration of the Corrections Division. His plan is to eliminate the Corrections Lieutenant position that was not an "on the floor" position and replace it with a clerical position to assist with the financial and report writing workload formerly done by the Lieutenant and then convert a full-time Corrections Officer position to a full-time Corrections Sergeant position. He will be making at least two of the Sergeant positions floating positions thus allowing for more supervision. Corrections Administrator Gerth stated that he has found that the more time the Administrator can spend on the floor with both staff and inmates, there is a marked decrease in disciplinary problems due to the interaction. The Sheriff will bring a formal presentation to the Committee at next month's meeting.

Chief Deputy Putzke reported that the ice is not safe. Several vehicles have broken through the ice on Lake Puckaway and one just recently went completely through the ice in the channel of the Kingston Mill Pond. He also reported that the Sheriff's Office is currently investigating a drug related overdose. There have been a lot of slide offs with the recent weather conditions. He also reported that the Department has recently solved a couple of stolen motor vehicle cases.

ANNUAL BUDGET

The annual reports were distributed just prior to the meeting. The committee unanimously agreed that there was not enough time to review them and that they would be deferred to the March meeting. Chairman Reabe stated that he has heard this from others and that he may take similar action with other annual reports.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/NEW ACCOUNTS

None

MONTHLY SHERIFF REPORTS

The monthly Sheriff's reports were reviewed

EXPENSE AND REVENUE MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly Sheriff' expense and revenue reports were reviewed. *Motion/Second (Wendt/Wallace)* to approve both the monthly Sheriff reports and the expense and revenue monthly reports. All Ayes. Motion carried.

LEXIPOL

The following Lexipol policies were e-mailed to the Committee and were reviewed by the Committee members:

1016 - Communicable diseases – There is a County Communicable Disease policy however it is not as detailed as the Lexipol policy. Chairman Starshak recommended that a sentence regarding that the Sheriff's Office coordinates with other County Health Officials be added to the policy.

1022 – Seat Belts – the Chief Deputy assured the committee that additional restraints discussed in the policy do not in any way compromise the regular three point restraint seat belts that come with the manufactured vehicle.

1024 – Body Armor

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

None

FUTURE MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting is set for March 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake. Agenda items to

include - Drug Court Grant, Annual Reports, Mitigation Plan, and Restructuring of Corrections Division staffing.

ADJOURN

Motion/Second (Wendt/Jenkins) to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Evans, Committee Secretary, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff

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