

BUFFALO COUNTY PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: January 10, 2022

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: January 11, 2022

Meeting called to order by Chair Mr. Michael Taylor At 10:49 a.m.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Mr. Larry Grisen, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Nathan Nelson and Ms. Carol McDonough.

Others present: Sheriff Michael Schmidtknecht, Chief Deputy Lee Engfer, Jail Administrator Logan Olson, Lucas Teske and Jerilyn Baures.

Public Comments: None

Review/Discussion/Action: Minutes of the Previous Minutes: Motion to approve by Mr. Nathan Nelson seconded by Ms. Carol McDonough the December 20, 2021 committee meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: Mr. Michael Taylor shared the current county policy is if you are vaccinated it is a five day quarantine then back to work w/mask if you have Covid. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised the jail has a ten day mask requirement for the prisoners but will follow the county recommendation for employees. Discussion was held with regard to the receiving of "universal precaution" information, currently there is no information received over the weekend so information can be several days old when received on Monday.

Review/Discussion/Action: Law Enforcement Vouchers: Sheriff presented vouchers to be paid November paid December, discussion held. Motion to approve by Ms. Carol McDonough second by Mr. John Sendelbach. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action: Law Enforcement Expenditures: Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised committee member overall the Law Enforcement Budget is at 92%, Jail Budget is at 86% and Capital Outlay is at 89%. Not all the bills are in for 2021 but should be under budget for 2021. Motion to approve by Mr. Larry Grisen second by Ms. Carol McDonough. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action: Resolution to Accept a Monetary Donation for Sheriff's Office - \$5,000.00 and above. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised he has received a donation of \$10,000.00 from the family who tragically lost a husband/father in a boating accident near Buffalo City, WI in 2021. The family requested the Sheriff's office use this funding to replenish and support search and rescue equipment and training for emergency situations as they see fit. The Buffalo County Sheriff's Office worked primary on this specific tragedy with the Tri-Community Fire Department and sees the need for the sharing of these funds to help support and train members of their department. Motion by Mr. Larry Grisen second by Ms. Carol McDonough to approve the Resolution to Accept a Monetary Donation for the Sheriff's Office - \$5,000.00 and above. Motion carried.

Review/Discussion/Action: Sheriff Report on Staffing: The Communication/Corrections Officer that was hired two months ago resigned, looking at filling the position with another sergeant position. Looking at the training officer for Communication/Corrections and checking with other counties are doing with regard to compensation. The Administrative Assistant position has been filled by Kasondra Serum she starts on the 12th but will have to split time with the Administrative Office for a few payrolls cycles. Meeting with Emily Rybarczk today for the backfill of the Deputy position that was vacated due to Logan Olson and Tara Ziegeweid is completing her background check for the Communication/Correction Officer position.

Review/Discussion/Action: Sheriff Report: A donation of \$500.00 to the K-9 Fund by Alma Vet/Joan Lugwigson. Replacing a commercial grade door at the South Radio Tower in Fountain city, original door was in place since early 1980's, cost if \$3,535.00. ARA Funds for bonus type pay was brought before the Committee of the Board. Working with the other Departments Heads named by that Committee to come up with a formula for the next Finance Committee meeting for a possible distribution. ARA Funds approval for seven upgrades of the Radio Tower Sites for a cost of \$13,526.00

Review/Discussion/Action: Chief Deputy Report: Chief Deputy Lee Engfer advised a donation of \$100.00 was received from Steven and Jennifer Losinski for the K-9 Fund. A grant written by Steve Schiffli for twelve AED Units was received in December they replaced AED Units that had problems when the weather got cold.

Review/Discussion/Action: Jail Administrator Report; Administrator Logan Olson advised committee members there have be no new Covid cases in the jail and had other jail statistics .

Review/Discussion/Action; Emergency Management Report: Mr. Lucas Teska advised that Kwik Trip has partnered with Emergency Management to provide supplies when emergencies happen. Lucas Teska also advised he is ahead of schedule in completing his training. The LEPC meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Review/Discussion/Action: Emergency Management Expenditures; Mr. Lucas Teska advised he is over budget due to the position was not full time with benefits and now is.

Public Comment Not Related to the Agenda Item: Next meeting March 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Mr. Larry Grisen second by Mr. John Sendelbach. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Jerilyn M. Baures

Recording Secretary