

Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: August 08th, 2022

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: August 3rd, 2022

Meeting called to order by Mike Taylor at 11:45

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

Mike Taylor, Carol McDonough, John Hadley, Nathan Nelson, John Sendelbach-EXCUSED

Others present: Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Kassie Serum, Lucas Teska, Chief Deputy Lee Engfer-EXCUSED, Lt. Logan Olson-EXCUSED

2: Public Comments: None

3: Review/Discussion/Action: Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Motion to approve June Minutes by Nathan Nelson accepted minutes, second by Carol McDonough. Motion carried

4: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

5: Review/Discussion/Action: Law Enforcement Vouchers:

John Hadley asked what the total on the bottom of the vouchers for 2021 was for, Kassie Serum advised that the 2021 was for the end of this last year and it should not be totaling up, it is just showing the same total as the 2022 bills. Kassie Serum advised she will be removing it.

6: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Law Enforcement Expenditures:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised we are over on fuel cost, we are at 58% but overall we are just under budget. John Hadley was wondering if there is a way to reduce fuel cost. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised not unless squads didn't drive around unless they were on a call but he would like to keep law enforcement presence. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that in the jail expenditures we are under on the meal budget so that could make up for the fuel prices, we are at 44% so we are under budget in jail. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that the up fitting /and equipment has increased and that will show on the Capital Outlay expenditures.

7: Discussion ~ Law Enforcement/Jail staffing updates:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that Patrol is short two people due to being on FMLA, and in the jail two were in training have now left and a Male is currently in training and he started July 31st. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that they still need to fill 2 females spots and another position either female or male.

8: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Replace open Communication/Corrections Officer Position-Lanae Hansmeier, and Amber Moore

Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed just advertising online rather than the paper. Motion was made to approve replacing the 2 positons by Nate Nelson and 2nd by Carol McDonough.

9. Review/Discussion/Action: Acceptance of 2 donations

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised they received 2 donations for the K-9 program, one was from the Trempealeau/Buffalo Tavern League in the amount of \$1,000 and Bar Creations in the amount of \$250.00. Motion made by Carol McDonough and 2nd by Nate Nelson.

10. Review/Discussion/Action: Preliminary Budget Information

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised they are collecting information on contracts. Sherriff Schmidtknecht advised that they just got the last 2022 squads in service in July. They are looking at getting 3 more squads replaced in 2023 but to order more it needs to be done by October. Sheriff Schmidtknecht stated that we can purchase squad 94 for under \$1,000 and we could sell Squad #7. A motion was made by Nate Nelson and 2nds by Carol McDonough to go ahead but to take it to Finance Committee first.

11. Review/Discussion/Action: 2021 CJS Annual Report

Brenda Berning was present to give the CJS Annual Report, she stated she request \$260,000 from the TAD Grant for 2023 and they have to do a cash match of 25%. She stated that the program is a grant funded program and they do assessments right away after people are picked up. They match each person with the correct treatment. The program started back in July 2017 and they have screened 421 people and they have an average of 40-45 participants and 23 are on a deferred case.

12. Review/Discussion ~ Sheriff, Chief Deputy, and Jail Administrator Monthly Reports:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed that National Night Out was a success. He also discussed Hwy 35-54 being closed for 2 weeks and overall that went well. Gilmanton Fair had no major issues. We had a car vs. Tree and a Motorcycle vs. Deer which both had to be airlifted, first part of August.

Chief Deputy Report was given by Sheriff Schmidtknecht due to Lee Engfer being excused. He went off of the report that was disbursed out by Lee Engfer. There was a total of 39 traffic accidents in the month of July. The Average squad mileage was 1,776. Special events in July were 4th of July, Gilmanton Fair, All New squad in service and a water death was reported and investigated.

Logan Olson's report was given by Sheriff Schmidtknecht due to him being excused. On the report there was 26 bookings in July and 190 total for 2022 so far. He went over all cells/cell blocks being searched 2 times and nothing of significance was located and programs are still happening.

13: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management Written Report:

Lucas Teska advised he was off most of July due to vacation and an emergency surgery. He is working on wrapping up the 2022 Grant.

14: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management current Expenditures:

Lucas Teska advised his benefits need to be balanced between his 2 job titles. He also advised that they are planning on changing from a fiscal year to a normal calendar year. John Hadley asked what the phone line item was for and Lucas advised that it covers Ifern, Alert Sense, Ryan and his cell phones. Lucas also said he was looking at doing a different program than Alert Sense so they can have something that works better for what we need and is more user friendly.

15: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time:

A Meeting for September 12th, 2022 at 11:30 was scheduled.

16: Public comment not related to agenda items: None

17: Adjournment:

12:15pm Nate Nelson motioned for adjournment, second by Carol McDonough.

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Kassie Serum, Secretary