

-Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 11th, 2023

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: September 6th, 2023.

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

In person: Mike Taylor, Carol McDonough, John Hadley, Nathan Nelson. Excused John Sendelbach

Others present in person: Sheriff Mike Osmond, Chief Deputy Colin Severson, Lt Logan Olson, Administrative Coordinator Lee Engfer, Em Lucas Teska, Tanisha Bauth.

2: Public Comments: None

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

John Hadley made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carol McDonough. Carried.

4: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

5. Review/Discussion ~ Staff 2024 TAD Grant:

Lee Engfer spoke for Brenda, he started off by saying she receives an annual grant to help operate the program. She also needs \$5,000 for Pepin and Buffalo County. Brenda is also looking to add a third person to take some of the workload off of them so they will have the third person would be reporting duties and statistics. The salary would be funded through the program. Per Lee the county would have to supply the benefits and if the person would get fired the County would have to cover.

6: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management Report:

Lucas Teska advised that he attended a regional Emergency Management meeting in La Crosse. He also attended a 3-day training in Chippewa County. He completed 1 online training and conducted an LEPC meeting. Lucas continues to work on updating each Municipalities Emergency Operation plan. County EOP updates as part of plant of work agreement for grant. Continues to do general assignment in the Risk Management/Safety Position. John Hadley wanted to know if there was a timeframe for the operations plan and Lucas advised they need to be reviewed every year. A lot of the names are old and need to be updated.

7: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management current Expenditures:

Lucas Teska advised he is at about 58% total and there were no major expenses. Nixel won't show up until January 1st, 2024.

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

John Hadley asked what Top Pack Guardian was and Sheriff Osmond advised that it was a vest and we had 2 new hires. John Hadley also asked Redlin for the amount of \$900, Sheriff Osmond stated it was for the totaled squad. John Hadley also asked if insurance covered the cracked windshield and Colin advised no due to our deductible being so high.

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

Sheriff Osmond advised that patrol is at 65% and the Jail is at 55%. John Hadley advised that he went back to 2021 and we are at 87% for overtime and in 2022 we were at 17%.

10. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Law Enforcement Revenue:

Sheriff Osmond advised he just wants to show that we are putting money back in the revenue account.

11. Review/Discussion/Action ~ 2024 new squad's lease:

Chief Deputy Colin Severson advised that the squad was shipped in and in Osseo getting completed, they are hoping to have it done within the next couple of weeks. Colin also brought up a question that was asked last month at the meeting about who was at fault for the accident and if there were any citations. He provided the members with a report that showed that there were no citations issued and outcome of the investigation.

12. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Acceptance of Donations:

Kassie advised that we have received 2 donations for the K-9 program, one was from the Trempealeau Buffalo Co. Tavern League in the amount of \$3,500 and the other one is from Pampered Chef in the amount of \$312.54. Sheriff Osmond would like to take the donation process to the next step to make some changes. The Sheriff's Office is going to draft something up for the next meeting.

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

Lt. Logan Olson when over his monthly report for August, they have had a total of 45 bookings this month with a total of 233 for the year so far. They have taken in \$905.00 in Huber fees and currently there are 6 people on the warrant/detainer list. Matt p Prieur and Emily Scholl completed a 5-day field Officer Training. Logan completed his 1st week of a 6-week Command College through UW-Madison.

Chief Deputy went over his monthly report. There was a total of 1,074 calls for services, 4 transports, 23 traffic accidents, 12 warrants issued, 3 warrants served, 20 civil processes issued and 19 were served. He discussed overtime, there was a total of 30.75 hours and 40 hours of

reimbursed overtime. The total squad miles for August were 25,997 with an average mileage per squad for August of 1,999 which is a little higher than usual. John Hadley asked if we were going to be switching out squad 87 and 90 with the new squads and 91 advised that is the plan.

Sheriff Osmond started off with the construction that started last week on the Wabasha bridges, he stated that we have been getting calls every day about the lights and the timing. Last weekend was Hope 4 You and Alma Community Day where we were present. We are still working with Fountain City to get coverage. Aarik Lackershire and Ray Barricelli both have completed training, also we still have one out on workman's comp/restricted duty. Osmond explained they are looking at placing plate readers in the Nelson and Maxville area. Osmond would like more of the towns to add them, they will be beneficial when it comes to looking for vehicles. There will be more of an update in the next couple of months.

14. Review/Discussion ~2024 Budget Law Enforcement

Sheriff Osmond advised that the budget has went to finance and they gave a few things to change, he stated that he added more to equipment to be able to update the vest, portable radios that are from 2005, squad laptops. The finance Committee wants to work towards a long-term plan for purchasing those items. Osmond doesn't want to purchase in bulk due to having to replace in bulk. Osmond also stated we are looking at getting another body camera and taser for the Jail. John Hadley wants our budget sent to him so he can look at it, he doesn't understand why the Law Enforcement committee doesn't have to approve it before it gets to Finance. Osmond advised that we did not have it in time to get it to the last meeting. Sheriff Osmond will be sending what we have so far to John Hadley.

15. Review/Discussion ~ 2024 Budget Emergency Management

Emergency Management budget was reviewed and there was no discussion.

16. Review/Discussion/Action ~Next Meeting Date and Time:

A meeting on October 9th, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. was scheduled.

17. Public comment not related to agenda items: None

18. Adjournment

Carol McDonough made a motion to adjourn at 1pm.

Kassie Serum, Secretary