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Chuck Jensen called the meeting to order February 23, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Compass Conference Room of the Jackson County Courthouse. Committee members present Jeff Amo, Ron Carney, and Ray Ransom. Absent – Tyler Kapfer. Also present were Jail Captain Mike Ring, EM Coordinator Page, Sheriff Waldera, Chief Moan,

Previous Minute Approval

Motion by Ransom 2nd by Amo to approve minutes from the January 26, 2015 meeting. All in favor; motion carried.

Agenda Revisions

None

Next Meeting Date/Time

Monday March 23, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Update on City of BRF Police Department

Follow up meeting. There was a request from the City PD to cease/stop negotiations until after the referendum. Motion by the City Council to not pay any legal fees until after referendum. Still important to continue discussions and get details worked out in case referendum does not pass. Biggest discussion point for the contract is that we get the monies paid by the City for all the expenses/services and don't fall short. Our contract is more specific than some of the other counties that provide contracted services. Work Comp does not sound like they would be able to split them into a separate insurance for work comp. Would need to figure out how to bill the work comp for the employees that would be covering the City as County employees. Question is that we are self-insured so we pay a lower rate but we could bill the City at the rate they currently pay for their work comp. Work Comp and Union would be the two largest topics of discussion. The current language in the City PD contract may become a problem because it references there is to be "no layoff to use contracted services". The City Administration may have to make a call to the labor attorney to find out about the wording of the City Contract. The next meeting is March 25th at 1:00 p.m.

Parks & Rec Patrol Claim Reimbursement Update 2014

DNR reimbursements from the State do not come at the same time as our fiscal year. We are asked to provide an estimate each year to County Clerk as to how much reimbursement we will receive. At this point the dollar amount we expect to receive is less at this time than it was last year. The estimate is May – Dec. We spent dollars from the rec program for training our reserve deputies (LTE's) last summer. We have been using LTE's on patrol more so there are fewer dollars we can claim for rec program reimbursement. The claim for the lease payments for the snowmobiles and ATV's is made once a year in April which is not included on the estimate. Deputy Bartlett has also been used for other areas that are not able to be claimed for reimbursement. There is a set pool of money for any agency who claims reimbursement. That amount is set by legislature and cannot be changed. In the past, we have been reimbursed at close to 100% but last year was reduced because there were more claims submitted. ½ of year is about \$23,000 with lease payment reimbursement. The remaining amount is not able to be estimated accurately because it is for Jan-Apr of 2015 but reimbursement does not come in until about Aug of 2015. We are able to make claims even if the trails are closed. Do as much as we can to maximize the reimbursement. We are bringing this up not to anger anyone but the amount of reimbursement is very volatile and hard to predict. We may need to start thinking about the value of the Park and Rec program. This program is very important to have in the county even if we are not getting maximum full reimbursement to cover the wages. Forestry and Parks would likely agree that the program is needed. We are a premiere county and should be a focal point for maximum reimbursement. It seems that reimbursement for areas of the state that don't have as much recreation areas be as much as a county like Jackson County that has premiere recreation opportunities. There are times that they ask for suggestions regarding changes to the program/legislature. We have submitted suggestions regarding some changes to the program. The DNR policy/work rule is to handle every fatal ATV/Snowmobile/Boat accident or accident that may result in death. So all those accidents are handed off to the DNR. All other accident reports regarding recreation vehicles are handled by the County. Would ask that we are able to use excess funds in the 2014 budget to cover the shortage of the 2014 DNR reimbursement. Motion by Ransom that after final excess funds are determined in the 2014 budget to utilize funds from the traffic account lines to cover shortage & balance the Park & Rec program. 2nd by Amo. All in favor; motion carried.



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Radio Project Update

Ordered 17 new pagers and got 10 pagers in return from Taylor fire. They made an upgrade and paid the difference for 5 channel pagers. We paid \$370 each for the 17 pagers. We were able to get the service contract from Tait for the warranty. Warranty will be up in September of 2015. Still trying to get the Snow Creek lease terminated with Hart/Lund. It is at Corp Counsel. Two Way sold to Raycom. Raycom is a larger company and has a larger service spectrum. If the price is right, they would be a one stop shop and could order equipment, squad set up, radios, in car cameras, etc. The contract we had with Two Way was sold to Raycom as well and all the existing language would be honored. Most of Two Way employees are staying on staff. Don is working through the transition. Tristate has been paid and bond has been returned. We held \$5000 from the project to buy radios for the Sheriff's Office

Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption Resolution

Previous mitigation plan was due for update and was contracted with Mississippi Region Mitigation and has been updated. Plan is updated every 4 years and will probably start updating again in 2017. Resolution for adoption of the Hazard Mitigation Plan allows for us to continue to possibly receive future grant funding for mitigation programs. Motion by Amo 2nd by Carney to adopt resolution for 2014-2018. Forward to exec and finance. All in favor, motion carried.

- Hixton LP is technically not a planning site but will be putting a plan in place due to the location and quantity of hazardous material that is there. We have made preplan messages and set them in the Reverse 911 system.

Wrecker Calls

Chief Moan received a complaint from Attorney Artis on behalf of someone he is representing. He had a complaint about Jensen's wrecker service. He had a client that had a charge for towing and storage. The car broke down between Hixton and Alma Center on highway 95. Jensen's towed vehicle 9 miles and was storage for 2 days. Cost was \$300. Deputy followed our procedure and called the closest towing company. Attorney Artis thought we should not be utilizing this wrecker service because of how much he charges. Chief Moan did not think we could make a decision like that based on what someone charges. Attorney Artis is claiming that we should make a decision that we do not utilize that business for service anymore. If we receive a complaint from citizens regarding wrecker service do you want us to follow up with a letter to the business stating such so the business is aware there have been complaints made to law enforcement about their services? Will consider on a case by case basis

Divisional Reports

We see on the Clerk of Courts reports that our citations and revenue are down. Going to look at handling deputy case load differently. Need to look at balancing out patrol staff/detective cases. Need to get patrol staff back out on the roads patrolling and ease up on the in office case time work. State Patrol is also down, believe the split between Eau Claire and Tomah post is being covered different than it used to be. Traffic enforcement grants have been restructured. Our grant cycle runs from March to August. Hopefully that will show some increase in citations. Have not seen aircraft detail over the winter. State of Wisconsin Statute fines have increased substantially over the years and possibly there is compassion on the Trooper/Deputy side that they may not be issuing as many citations. Jail is full. There have been a lot of drug related arrests. There are 10 in the jail right now. They are people who need to be held for a window of time due to community safety. Several of the 10 may need to go to the hospital for withdrawal. What can we do from a prevention standpoint? DARE funding has been eliminated. We may need look at making more awareness to the high school level. Drugs of choice around here now are heroin and meth. Schools are still teaching drug awareness in several grades even without DARE. May need to have more law enforcement involvement in the schools but we don't have the connection right now with schools for the liaison to link with the school districts. Many drug users state that the environment they are in has a lot to do with why they use. It is very hard to break the cycle. Our community has drug using dealers and not the "high dollar" dealers but is a big concern. Do you think the meth is being manufactured in the county? Believe there is some small manufacturers here but it seems that the "Mexican meth" is the bigger drug being used because it is higher quality and less expensive.

Staff Vacancies and Recruitment Updates

Dispatch is fully staffed with full time hires. Last full time hire is in the 2nd phase of training and going well. There are a couple LTE's that we are working with to decide if we are going to maintain them. Have started recruitment for LTE patrol. Hopefully we can maintain our staff and keep them here.



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Vouchers

Clark County is housing an out of county inmate who is here OWI 6,7,8 and is being housed there due to medical needs which we cannot accommodate. Clark County has a very good relationship with their hospital and gets a very good rate for doctors to come to the jail. MOCIC do we actually get \$150 worth of benefit from them? Yes, we get a lot of benefit from the services that they provide. Motion by Carney 2nd by Ransom to approve vouchers. All in favor; motion carried.

2014 Budget Report

Tentative numbers show there are funds left to use to cover other areas of the budget that have gone over/shortage of reimbursement from Recreation deputy position. Where did the largest savings come from? Fuel and employee vacancies. Did make the salary adjustment for the wages mid-year for 2014.

2015 Budget Report

Nothing to report

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Amo 2nd by Carney to enter closed session at 10:56 a.m.

- The committee will convene into closed session for the discussion of employee related matters pursuant to section WSS 19.85(1)(b)(c) employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility;
 - Personnel Matter(s)
 - Motion by Amo; 2nd by Carney to return to open session pursuant to sec 19.85(2) at 11:39 a.m. All in favor; motion carried
 - No action taken out of closed session

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Ransom; 2nd by Carney at 11:40 a.m. All in Favor; Motion carried.

*******These minutes will be approved by LEC Committee at the 3/23/15 LEC meeting**