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February 18, 2021

Chuck Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:59 a.m. Thursday, February 18, 2021 in the County Board Room of the Jackson County Courthouse. Additional members present were Jeff Amo, Ray Ransom, Isaiah Funmaker, Ron Carney. Also Present Sheriff Waldera, Chief Deputy Adam Olson, and Human Resources Manager Susie Meinerz. Cindy Altman, Rick Poff, Barb Pfaff and Kay Finch also in attendance.

Approve minutes from previous meeting

Motion by Carney 2nd by Ransom. All in favor motion carried.

Set next meeting date/time

March 18, 2021. 10:00 a.m.

Animal Shelter Discussion

Ray Ransom addressed concerns by the Black River Area Foundation. The county has been working on this issue but with Covid-19 we have not had the necessary volunteers and staff. Meet again March 31st with the committee that was started. The 1st thing was to remove the carpets but that has not yet happened because it is very slippery without them. Staff has gone to nonslip shoes. Facilities is working with Chris the Engineer about a commercial dehumidifier. He does not believe that is necessary and will tour now that it is operational. Pfaff has always met people there by appointment. Hours and animals have been posted on Facebook and will look at additional hours if needed. Cleaning of the facility takes place early in the morning and by the open hours of 1-4 there likely is urine and fecal matter from the animals that happened since the shelter was cleaned earlier in the day. Do feel we need limits on the number of cats in the shelter at a given time. Division of duties between the Humane Society and the Shelter. Under impression that County is responsible for the management and maintenance of the shelter. The Humane Society responsible for the enrichment of the animals. Regarding the cleaning hoping that the inmates may be able to help with that. That has not been able to occur because of Covid-19. Volunteers are starting to increase. We are working on this and if we don't have adequate cleaning would the LTE's consider working additional hours. Can work up to 1200 hours per year as an LTE. Adding additional LTE would be the less costly way. Open to public 1-4 except Sunday, Tuesday and holidays and by appointment. The policies and procedures were put together and had a lot of research done during the process. Members of the Foundation are welcome to attend the March 31st meeting at 7:30. Policies and Procedures need to be adopted by the LE committee and county board. LE committee is keeping oversight on the operations of the animal shelter. With minors volunteering recommend looking at background checks for volunteer adults much like most any other areas that involve working with juveniles. Will put the Jackson County Volunteer handbook and animal shelter policies and procedures on the March LEC agenda.

Divisional Reports

Written reports submitted.

TSS: training center internet is working properly now. They have increased the bandwidth.

Jail: Jail Administrator will be in attendance at the March meeting.

EM: Discussion at one time about getting the super cold freezer. We have not gotten one. Excess supply of paper bags and need to move the ultraviolet trailer and HCN is going to take that.



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Staff Vacancies and Recruitment Updates

Communications: one male dispatcher from Monroe county in week 3 of training. Have 2 more starting next week.

Patrol: New patrol is in 2nd step of FTO process. Still need patrol LTEs. Looking forward to summer internship again. Will bring back to LEC for 2021. Hopefully one of the two interns from last year will come on staff as an LTE. Jail: Have opening for jail sergeant spot.

Vouchers Payable

As of yesterday, we ordered 2 pursuit Durango's from Gross and will order 2 civilian vehicles for detectives. Looking at getting two Jeep Latitudes for detectives. State bid for Ford SUV was about \$7k more. Brockway tower electric seems higher than in the past. Facilities will double check.

Motion by Amo 2nd by Carney to approve; all in favor; motion carried.

Budget Review

Jail meals are up for renewal in July. Patrol union up for negotiations. Legislation may eliminate inmate phone revenue. Jail administrator will research other options for jail meals. Discussion regarding potential of the county putting in a commercial kitchen to provide inmate meals in the future.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Amo; 2nd by Funmaker at 11:09 all in favor; motion carried.