



# **Jackson County Sheriff's Office**

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Chuck Jensen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 19, 2018 in Explorer Conference Room of the Jackson County Courthouse. Additional members present were Jeff Amo, Ray Ransom, and Ron Carney. Karena Thundercloud excused absent. Also present Captain Olson, Captain Bowe, and Personnel Director Susie Mienerz.

## **Approve minutes from previous meeting**

Motion by Ransom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carney to approve minutes from previous meeting. All in favor motion carried.

## **Agenda Revisions**

None

## **Set next meeting date/time**

Tuesday August 21, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.

## **Animal Shelter Quarterly Report**

Quarterly report submitted. Discussion regarding "natural deaths" of the cats.

## **Dive Team Quarterly Report**

Written report submitted. We have a flat bottom multipurpose boat that needs some engine repair. Working on getting estimates to determine what will be done.

## **SRO Presentation**

Piloted the SRO program beginning April 9<sup>th</sup> thru the end of the 2017-2018 school year which went through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. Deputy Nosbisch rotated through the districts of BRF, Melrose-Mindoro and Alma Center Humbird Merrillan. He was in each middle/high school 3-4 days per week and visited the elementary schools a few times during that trial period as well. Not only was he able to be there for safety and security he was also able to go into classrooms on 22 occasions and talk about the law enforcement side of some of the lesson plan topics such as how to report a traffic crash, Constitutional Law, Internet safety, Legal aspects of underage sex, US History 9-11 and Afghanistan, Health Occupations, EMS in Law Enforcement, Social Deviance, Ethics and others. The primary goal of schools is education but we can also help out by discussing topics that typically are not covered in a classroom lesson plan. It took a short while for students to become comfortable with the SRO being in the schools but once they did, they were approaching him on their own both in school and out of school to talk about things. All three districts either already have or will be implanting A.L.I.C.E. training for their staff. We are looking at unified efforts with all school districts in the county having the same training. The grant funding that was awarded does not allow for labor costs of security but it should free up other funds to help with the effort. The City PD may be trying to get a full time SRO of their own. If so that would be assigned to the BRF School District. Enrollment wise it would work well to have County SRO and a City SRO. Anticipate being able to resume SRO duties with the fall start of school but nothing has been finalized for that yet. Overall, the pilot program was very positive and had a good impact. A lot of progress was made in a short amount of time and looking forward to how much could be accomplished in an entire school year.

## **Divisional Reports**

Written divisional reports submitted.

Communications: The number of warrants cancelled in June seemed to be up compared to the number of warrants issued. Warrant numbers go hand in hand with jail population and our population has been on the higher side as well.

Detectives: There were a couple search warrants involving drugs and one for a burglary where we were able to solve 4 cases with.

- BOTS Traffic Grant – we will be receiving 2019 BOTS traffic grant. It is used for OWI & Click It or Ticket enforcement. We don't have the details for the grant yet. Jackson County has been recognized by the DOT as a higher commercial vehicle enforcement area due to the number of increased crashes involving commercial vehicles. Only Inspectors with the State Patrol are trained to inspect log books. We are sending a deputy to training to learn basic enforcement for commercial vehicles. Overweight is hard to gauge with sand trucks but easier to tell with log trucks. There is a certified scale in the county but State Patrol Inspectors use portable scales. A full inspection on a commercial vehicle takes anywhere from 2-4 hours.



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## **WPPA Contract Update**

Personnel Director advised she is waiting to hear back from WPPA with possible date options that will work to start negotiations.

## **Citizen Request for Damage Reimbursement**

We had a search warrant along with Chippewa County. The suspect did not want contact with law enforcement. He refused to give the keys to open the semi. All the doors were unlocked by Brauners. We tried the latch release handles to open the panel doors but they were rusted and did not work. We pried them open. Not sure what the computer being referred to is. The only electronics we took were cell phones included in the search warrant. We did not force any doors or break anything. We cleared the house slowly and methodically. Motion by Amo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carney to deny claim. All in favor; motion carried.

## **Staff Vacancies and Recruitment Updates**

- Project/Program Employee – hired back as transport at \$20/hour but that wasn't midpoint for transport. He will set up for \$1200-\$1500 per car. He isn't willing to do it for \$16.94/hour. Best to have same person set up all the cars. He has done well with previous setups. We have reached out to all surrounding vendors to do set up for us. Lowest bid is \$1500 and most are \$2700 to \$3000 per car. Some like Rosbach want us to use their product. Graphics right now is \$500/car. Want to make LaBar a project employee/contracted services employee. Good to have quotes from other vendors. \$20/hour is realistic and the consistency is important. Forestry has allowed him to use their buildings and there are no issues. Wants to be able to only work on the setups. Motion by Ransom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carney to approve hiring LaBar at project employee at \$20/hour max of 800 hours per year to do squad setups. All in favor; motion carried.
- Corrections Division Restructure Update – received county approval for restructure. Met with all jail employees on July 11<sup>th</sup>. Discussed duties & responsibilities of the Sgt positions. Hiring process was explained and it could be internal hiring process and need to submit resume and letter of interest. 10 day deadline. Will see what we get for applications and proceed with hiring process. Corporals were reclassified back to corrections officers at the wage of highest paid CO. Restructure was fairly well received and it seems there may be a strong interest of internal applicants. Lieutenant reclassification has become effective.
- Dispatch – Will have 2 FMLA in August. Looking at options as to how to fill the open shifts. Lt. Brown will be taking over the responsibility of scheduling. Working on scheduling options to fill open shifts. He will have fewer jail responsibilities in the jail increasing Captain's responsibilities temporarily until Sgts. Are filled. Comm Lead has requested to go back into rotation as dispatcher. Dispatch has 7 LTE's listed but not all are available to fill shifts. New FTE seems to be picking up things quickly and may be able to fill some of the open shifts in August.
- Patrol – no discussion
- Jail – Three individuals interviewed. Scott Frey has completed process and working on start date. He will be LTE Corrections/Transports. Will be at full staff.

## **Vouchers Payable**

UTV & snowmobiles are on a lease contract but at end of lease we own all. The Fords are all in. Waiting on the Dodges. Clark County inmate housings. Motion by Amo 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carney to approve vouchers. All in favor. Motion carried.

## **2018 Budget**

Doing pretty well on transport line. Budget is at 23%. Our transport officers Frey & Spangler have been available for short notice transports. Bailiff is over line but that is because of the court calendars. Mileage and vehicle fuel lines. Talon is still working to try to get up and running in Monroe County.

## **Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Ransom 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carney to adjourn at 10:50 all in favor; motion carried.