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Sub-Committee Meeting for Proposed Black River Falls Police Department Contracted Services called to order at 1:05 p.m. Tuesday February 10, 2015.

Present Garret Nix Corp Counsel, Kyle Deno, Dennis Eberhardt, Chuck Jensen, Ray Ransom, Jeff Amo, Dan Diehn City Attorney, Brad Chown City Administrator, City Mayor Danielson, City Council member Jay Eddy, Diane Peterson, Sheriff Waldera, Chief Deputy Mark Moan

Discuss Proposed BRFPD Contracted Services

- Pending Union discussions. Working for Mindy's schedule. Possibly the 25th of February to have the 1st meeting. She is the labor attorney and will be involved in the discussion. Will be a morning meeting.
- Minutes and agendas will be on the county website – double check last month is there.
- City Attorney & Corp Counsel. Most of the changes that were made to the contract proposal were minor typos. The biggest issue is still the insurance issue that has not been addressed as of yet. Corp Counsel added in revisions to clarify intent of equipment and vehicles and would be invoiced on a monthly basis or as purchased invoiced and billed to the City. If terminated any equipment that was contributed/purchased would be returned to the city. Lines 191 – 243. Underlined parts were added/red lined. Any revenue obtained from sale of equipment would be returned to the City. Line 218 adjust to state at no additional cost to the City.
- Garret spoke with Mindy and is a little premature to speculate what type of issues we may have. As of right now Mindy has not been in contact with any of the Union members. Interplay between the Teamsters union and WPPA union does need to be addressed. Should she reach out to the Unions prior to the 25th what are we looking at for time with her? Would need to review contract and be able to speak with the unions. At this time we are not sure what the time commitment would be. Could she provide a timeline of how much time it would take? With April/May timeframe Mindy would need to start now. Corp Counsel will send an estimate of cost to the City so they know. Should we compile some bullet points that we think would need to be addressed. Mindy would need to be involved and get input as to what can be meshed. It may be a good idea to get bullet points together if there are specific concerns. Is the Teamsters union certified? Will double check to be sure. Garrett will talk with Mindy after this meeting and contact Sheriff and Dan with info. Will have before next Wednesday for City meeting.
- Outlying insurance issues. This will be the most challenging item to write into the contract without leaving either party in a bind. Garret had notes to check out state rate for work comp but don't recall the exact meaning. County has a lower rate than the State rate because we have a fund balance and can have a lower rate. If the City does not have that same setup, the County would cover the expense. If they are technically County employees, should the county cover it? City has not looked into it, but with the County being self insured it is different. Part of the proposal included some work comp amounts but not the exact cost. 5 full time and 2 part time. Potential issues from a County Board standpoint. Worst case scenario if something happened in the first year it could be a substantial cost. There may be a way being that this is a separate division, Mutual may pick up that division as a whole because it is its own division that would be based on the State rate. Not sure, but as long as the division can be kept completely separate. The Sheriff's proposal was based on the County rate which is substantially lower than the current state rate. A specific call to Mutual would be able to give us those rates as to what it would increase. Vehicles would be easier to get pricing for. Property insurance quotes could be obtained. City looked into work comp which is not part of the Law enforcement budget but is about \$1300 per employee currently that the City pays. Auto insurance is about \$2000 for the department a year but is also not part of the Law enforcement budget.
- Records – line 262 What about the current records that are the City property. They remain the City's records because the Sheriff was not the custodian. An example would be when Brockway disbanded their open cases transferred to the County because they were the next law enforcement. Open cases would likely transfer. What about closed records? Would they transfer as well in case they would need to be accessed in the future? Would need to look into this further and find out what would need to be done. It would seem to City Attorney that the closed files stay at the City and they maintain them. Would seem that open cases would transfer. Corp Counsel and Sheriff will look into this and see what would need to be done to incorporate that. Sheriff will contact another county and see how they handled this.



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- Line 187 where it says City is it to say County? State crimes stay with the state but the city ordinances have adopted the state statutes. City would not get any of the state crime statutes. City ordinances would still be collected by the city.
- Any other board members have issues or concerns? Would like for Mindy to get involved to be sure the direction we are heading is kosher. Garret will get in touch with Mindy after today's meeting and find out how she wants to approach and what she thinks the cost estimate would be. Will then get back in touch with City Attorney. City Labor attorney is Steve Weltz. Diane is planning to meet with Mindy and discuss topics and see what may be of concern.
- With Work comp Kyle contacted rep to see if they could cover the city as a separate division? Kyle will keep members informed when she gets an answer. General Liability is like a \$10,000 deductible per claim. Don't think the cost of GL would increase by adding the division. It is all based on money and overall amount of about \$500,000. Will look into this and find out what costs would be. Ours is all based on overall dollar amount.
- Next meeting – Wednesday March 25th 1 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn

- Motion by Amo 2nd by Eberhardt to adjourn 1:58. All in favor. Motion carried.