



JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

March 8, 2017

The regular Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Starshak at 5:00 PM on March 8, 2017 in the County Board room of the Green Lake County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Michael Starshak
Larry Jenkins – Vice Chair
Peter Wallace - Absent
Sue Wendt - Absent
Harley Reabe – County Board Chairman

Others Present:

Cathy Schmit, County Administrator
Amanda Thoma, Coroner
Mark Putzke, Chief Deputy
Lori Evans, Admin. Ass't to Sheriff
Lynn Ryan, RRA

Tony Daley, Berlin Journal
Andrew Christenson, DA
Dawn Klockow, Corp. Counsel
Vicki Bernhagen, County Board
Nancy Trochinski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.

AGENDA

Motion/Second (Jenkins/Reabe) to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

MINUTES

Motion/Second (Jenkins/Reabe) to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2017 Judicial/Law Enforcement meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you from Capt. Kevin Block, Berlin PD, to Communications Sgt. Sheila Pulice and Communications Officer Christina Hilscher for going above and beyond in helping him locate the subject of a welfare check. It was greatly appreciated.

Thank you from Teresa Heidemann to the First Responders, GLSO and Firemen who responded to her accident on March 1, 2017. Their kindness and concern touched her heart. They put their lives on the line for a stranger by standing out in the mist and fog to make sure everyone was safe. She indicated that their jobs are difficult and they don't get the praise they deserve. She greatly appreciates the job they do.

Thank you from Glenn Kaulitz to Deputy Vande Kolk for his courteous and professional demeanor when he stopped him for speeding recently. Kaulitz and his wife thought Deputy Vande Kolk was very nice and wanted to give him some positive encouragement when so many are bashing law enforcement senselessly now days.

Thank you from Mary Allen, Superintendent of the Green Lake Schools to all who helped in the safety drill on February 22. It was good to discuss some of the structural challenges they have and how improvements could be made. She stated it is always good to know they are there if needed.

PURCHASE REQUESTS

None

TRAINING REQUESTS

A request for out of State travel was included in the packet from the Sheriff asking for permission for him to attend the National Sheriff's Conference June 23 – 28 in Reno Nevada at an anticipated cost of \$2,145. The Sheriff will pay for all of his meals.

A request to for Coroner Amanda Thoma and Deputy Coroner Rachel Merrick to attend the WI Coroners and Medical Examiners Association Annual Spring Conference was sent with the packet. The conference will be held in Green Bay from April 3 to 5, 2017. The cost of the conference is \$250, lodging is \$82.00 per night.

Motion/Second (Reabe/Jenkins) to approve both training requests. The Sheriff's should be sent on to County Board. All Ayes. Motion carried.

DRUG COURT GRANT UPDATE

None

GREEN LAKE COUNTY MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Reabe read a memo from Gary Podoll stating that Gary was doing a presentation today for the Governor's Conference in Wisconsin Dells and he would not be able to attend. Gary asked that the Mitigation Plan be placed on next month's agenda. The Committee agreed with his request.

RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES

The Coroner's Office presented and explained a Resolution Relating to Payment of Expenses for Unclaimed Body. The committee would like to see a written fiscal impact statement attached to the resolution before it is presented to the County Board. Corp. Counsel Klockow stated she would draft it and have the Clerk's Office attach it to the resolution.

Motion/Second (Reabe/Jenkins) to approve the resolution. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Included in the packet was a Resolution and fiscal impact statement from the Sheriff's Office relating to Eliminating a Corrections Lieutenant Position, Eliminating a Corrections Officer Position and Creating a Sergeant of Corrections Position and A Corrections Division Clerk in the Corrections Division of the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff is doing a presentation at a conference today and was unable to attend tonight's Judicial/Law Enforcement meeting. Chief Deputy Putzke explained that with the retirement of the current Corrections Administrator, Joel Gerth, the administrative structure of the Corrections Division was reviewed and it was felt that the Corrections Division could be better served by the restructure that was being presented in the Resolution.

Motion/Second (Jenkins/Wallace) to approve the resolution and send it on to Personnel and then to the County Board. All Ayes. Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT RELATED COMMENTS

Clerk of Courts: No appearance.

Circuit Court/Register in Probate: No appearance.

District Attorney: Nothing to report.

Coroner's Office: Coroner Thoma reported that there have been 46 deaths in the County in 67 days. She believes this is more than normal. The causes of death and ages of the decedents are about the same as normal.

Emergency Management: No appearance, he's at the Governor's Conference.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Podoll was unable to attend as he is doing the presentation with Gary Podoll at the Governor's Conference. Lynn Ryan, RRA reported that currently 71% of the eligible inmates are in the Recidivism Reduction Program. 53% of them are either in the education or employment programs. Four are working on their GED's. Discussion was held on the positive impact employment has regarding declines seen in recidivism. She also reported that the Behavioral Health program is becoming more established. We now have a mental health worker on 28 hours per week. Lynn reported that recently she was able to attend a Smart Recovery program in Fond du Lac which gave her more insight and felt it was very encouraging for not only her, but for our inmates when she reported back to them that there are other Smart Recovery Programs in the area.

Chief Deputy Putzke reported that OSHA compliance testing and training will be held in the near future. The Chief Deputy stated that a procedural change for OWI warrants and blood draws was recently adopted and trained at the County-Wide in-service. The Chief Deputy wished to thank the Judge and DA for their support and assistance with those recent changes. He also reported that over 20 cars were reported in the ditches in the last big snowstorm that we had. He advised the committee that we responded to a call of a barricaded subject in Berlin recently, everything ended well. He reported that we are continuing on with various hiring processes due to resignations and retirements. The Committee stated they would like to express their appreciation and gratitude for the years of quality service put forth by Corrections Administrator Joel Gerth and Deputy Sheriff Karl Guenther. Chairman Reabe will coordinate awards to be issued at the April County Board meeting.

ANNUAL REPORTS

The annual reports that were distributed at last month's meeting were discussed. Some had great detail and were well presented. For next year, the Committee would like to see more consistency, detail and standardization in the annual reports. County Administrator Schmit agreed and also indicated that she would like to see prior year's numbers in the reports. The reports were approved and should be sent on to County Board.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS/NEW ACCOUNTS

None

COMMITTED/CARRYOVER FUNDS

Requests for Committed/Carryover Funds were present by the District Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office.

Motion/Second (Jenkins/Reabe) to approve both Committed/Carryover Funds requests and send them on to Finance if necessary and then to County Board. All Ayes. Motion carried.

MONTHLY SHERIFF REPORTS

The monthly Sheriff's reports were reviewed

EXPENSE AND REVENUE MONTHLY REPORTS

The monthly expense and revenue reports were reviewed.

Motion/Second (Jenkins/Reabe) to approve both the monthly Sheriff reports and the expense and revenue monthly reports. All Ayes. Motion carried.

LEXIPOL

The following Lexipol policies were e-mailed to the Committee and were reviewed by the Committee members:

348 – Subpoenas and Court Appearances

1040 – Outside Employment

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

None

FUTURE MEETING DATE AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next regular meeting is set for April 12, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room of the County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake. Agenda items to include: Mitigation Plan, Job Descriptions, and Electronic Monitoring.

ADJOURN

Motion/Second (Wendt/Jenkins) to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Evans, Committee Secretary, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff