



# JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

December 21, 2011

The regular Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Gene Thom at 4:30 PM on December 21, 2011 in the County Board room of the Green Lake County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI.

Present: Gene Thom, Chairman  
Debra Schubert, Vice-Chairman  
John Zelenski  
John Gende

Others Present:

Mark Podoll, Sheriff	Judge Slate
Mark Putzke, Chief Deputy GLSO	Lori Evans, Admin. Asst. Sheriff
Kyle Sargent, DA	Sue Krueger, Clerk of Circuit Court
Vanessa Chipman	Tami Eisenga, Register in Probate
Tony Daly, Berlin Journal Newspapers	Jeff Hayes, Ass't Corp. Counsel
Jeff Kiener, Deputy Sheriff	Steve Huber
Jason Reysen	Sue Wendt
Kristin Radtke	Nancy Butkiss Henderson
Carla Powless and her Juvenile Daughter	Chief Mike Ratter

Thom stated that the requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

## AGENDA

*Motion/Second (Schubert/Zelenski)* to approve the agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## **MINUTES**

Minutes from the November 16, 2011 Judicial and Law Enforcement Committee meetings were included in the packet. *Motion/Second (Zelenski/Schubert)* to approve the minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **APPEARANCES**

Later in the meeting, Carla Powless appeared and had questions regarding the juvenile detention billing for her daughter. Lori Evans will get back to her regarding her questions.

## **AWARDS PRESENTATION**

Sheriff Podoll and Chief Deputy Mark Putzke presented awards for valor and recognition for their service to the community to Sheila Pulice, Communications Officer, Officer Jason Reysen of the Green Lake Police Department and Nancy Butkiss Henderson, 911 caller, for the great job they all did in the successful rescue of a young woman who came very close to drowning after her car left the roadway and entered Big Green Lake at Horner's Landing in early November. Vanessa Chipman, the young woman's Mom expressed her deepest thanks on behalf of the family to all of them and to everyone that helped.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Thank you from Myra Guse to Karl Guenther and Susan Streholski for their quick response and positive image they displayed when responding to her call for assistance involving a minor accident near Berlin.

Thank you from Julie Siegmund for the excellent job Jason Preuss did calming her down from her car/deer accident.

Thank you and congratulations from Dr. Jack Christ to Joel Gerth for his productive work in collaboration with the Ethical Leadership Program at Ripon College with the Inmate Recidivism Reduction Program. Joel was chosen to receive the Collaborative Leader of the Year award for 2011.

Thank you from Tom Hendricks on Quarry St. in Berlin to Deputy Vande Kolk and the Sheriff's Department for checking the area and taking notice of what goes on in the neighborhood.

Letter from Gary Podoll, Emergency Management Director advising the Committee that we have received the grant money and the Green Lake County Fire Association Match for the MABAS Base with no cost to the County.

## 2011 & 2012 BUDGET ITEMS DA

DA Kyle Sargent explained VINE funding. He thought that these funds were not requested in the Committed Funds resolution as he was contemplating using the funds to purchase a copy machine for the office prior to the end of the 2011 budget year. After further investigation and discussion with former DA Winn Colins, he found out that at this time, VINE is funded through a State Grant and if that Grant should disappear in the future that would put the VINE program at risk. Therefore he is not going to be putting in a request for a copier at this time; other arrangements will be made for that. The Committee thought VINE was requested in the Committed Funds resolution.

DA Sargent also reported that he has budgeted for a LTE Intern from the Prosecution Project Program for the summer of 2012. This is a County funded program and he does have funds in his budget for that purpose. *Motion/Second (Schubert/Gende)* to approve an LTE for the summer intern program in the District Attorney's Office. All Ayes. Motion carried.

## PURCHASE REQUESTS

Sheriff's Office – MDC Docking Station to allow for use of the MDC in the Sheriff's Office 4 x 4 truck to allow us to easily deploy that unit when needed. Baycom – State bid - \$429.00; Account Number 01-101-09-52150-999-003. *Motion/Second (Shubert/Zelenski)* to purchase the MDC. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Judge Slate appeared and advised the committee that he was considering the purchase of a copy machine. No quotes were presented and no action was taken.

## DEPARTMENT COMMENTS

Judge Slate stated that he is taking a more active approach regarding family mediation, expenses and revenues. He asked for direction from the Committee regarding payment to Nancy Hinz, Family Mediator. At this time she submits a bill to the Finance Committee for payment. No one actually reviews and approves the hours. Judge Slate recommended that Family Court Commissioner Henry Conti review and approve the bills and forward them to the Judicial/Law Enforcement Committee for payment. The Committee advised the Judge to have Atty. Conti review and approve the bills and forward them to the Finance Committee for payment.

The Judge reported that he is increasing the amount of video appearances from inmates in custody in our County Jail to reduce the labor costs associated with bringing the inmates to Court. The Judge further explained that he resolved a small problem regarding communications between the video visitation room and the Court, by authorizing the Communications Administrator to purchase a microphone stand. This was an inexpensive but necessary piece of equipment to make the program work. The Committee concurred with his actions and is pleased with his decision to continue enhancing the video visitation program.

Judge Slate also requested approval from the Committee for an unpaid leave request for Tami Eisenga, Register in Probate, from January 23 to January 27, 2012.

***Motion/Second (Schubert/Gende)*** to approve the unpaid leave request and forward it to the Clerk's Office. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The Sheriff commended the Judge for all of his efforts in working cohesively with other Departments. He very much appreciates the Judge's assistance and positive approach.

The Sheriff reported on a crack in an interior section of the Master Control Room (MCR) window. It has been investigated at length. Stronghold came and looked at it and determined it was not a stress crack. They are certain it was hit at some time, but do not know when. The Sheriff and/or Chief Deputy have talked to all of the Corrections Officers. Lt. Gerth has reviewed hours' worth of video tapes from outside of the MCR and no cause can be determined. There is no camera within the MCR however one will be mounted in their soon. The crack in the glass is not a safety issue.

The Sheriff also reported that due to extra diligent efforts by Communications Officer Charlene Novak a person was arrested for theft. An accommodation was received from the Berlin Police Department regarding a gas drive off in their jurisdiction. Video review showed a description of the suspect and a partial plate number as the plate was covered with plastic. Charlene took the extra time and effort to query the known numbers on the plate and came back with a possible hit on a person from Wautoma. Officers went to the residence and located the vehicle and suspect and made an arrest. Later it was also reported that this person may have committed similar crimes in other local communities. The Committee commended Charlene on taking those extra efforts.

The Sheriff reported that the Turning Point Ministries was broken into last week-end. Thousands of dollars' worth of electronics and consumables were taken along with 2 vans. The vans were recovered, however were damaged. The Leads on Line program approved by the Committee last year is being used extensively to investigate this crime. The Sheriff voiced his appreciation to the Committee for providing the tools necessary to help the Sheriff's Office in their quest to apprehend violators assist victims and enhance the safety of the community.

Detective Chad Holdorf is working on the vandalisms from last summer wherein several thousand dollars' worth of damage were done to a number of Amish

mailboxes and gardens along with irrigation pipes and a dumpster. Through his diligent efforts, he has obtained three confessions and plans to make arrests soon.

The Sheriff reported on an ongoing Fraud investigation in which a person goes into an auto parts store, when the clerk is busy, he picks up something of moderate value, comes to the counter stating he is returning it but does not have his receipt and gets a cash refund. He has been caught on surveillance video and his picture will be appearing in the paper this week. Crime-Stoppers are also involved in this case.

Coroner Strey is out with back surgery and is unable to attend the meeting. Her deputies are taking on the workload temporarily.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

None

**EXPENSE AND REVENUE MONTHLY REPORTS**

*Motion/Second (Zelenski/Schubert)* to approve the Expense and Revenue Monthly Reports. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS/ORDINANCES**

None

**MONTHLY SHERIFF REPORTS**

The monthly Sheriff's Office reports were approved as presented.

No action needed.

**MONTHLY VOUCHERS**

The committee reviewed and signed the monthly claims for payment dated November 16, 2011 for the following offices in the following budgets:

Child Support:	\$	515.78
Clerk of Courts:	\$	3,244.97
Coroner:	\$	910.91
District Attorney:	\$	949.52
Emergency Management	\$	20,246.89
Judge-Circuit Court:	\$	4,123.15
Sheriff's Office:	\$	47,169.88

*Motion/Second (Schubert/Zelenski)* to approve all the above claims. All Ayes. Motion carried. The Committee further recommends that whenever possible, all purchases should be made in Green Lake County.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

None

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS FOR ACTION & DISCUSSION**

The Committee asks that Public Collections be added under appearances so anyone appearing for that reason is aware that is the time for them to come forward.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next regular meeting set for Wednesday January 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. in the County Board Room of the County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake.

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**RESUME OPEN SESSION**

None

**ANNOUNCE FINDINGS OF CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURN**

*Motion/Second (Schubert/Gende)* to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Evans, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff