

**WAUSHARA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING – June 2, 2010**

The Regular Public Safety Committee Meeting was called to order on June 2, 2010, at 9:00 A.M., in the conference room at the Waushara County Work Release Center by Committee Chairman Norman Weiss. Committee members present: Donna Kalata, Norman Weiss and Mark Kerschner.

Also present: Sheriff David Peterson, Tim Rosin, EMS Director, Jeremy Becker, EMS Deputy Director, Lt. George Peterman, Lt Lynn Boening, Lt. Jeff Nett, Lt. Randal Thurley, Administrative Coordinator Deb Behringer, County Financial Specialist Donna Teschner and Sheriff's Department Administrative Assistant Darlene Masticola to take minutes. Sgt. Mark Piechowski arrived at approximately 9:30 A.M.

Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2010, regular Public Safety Committee meeting with just a few grammatical changes suggested by Donna Kalata. Motion carried.

Public Comments – None

Fire Services Report – None

EMS Report – Tim Rosin

The intermediate position has been filled by Shaunna Bryant.

The new ambulance has been received and is in the process of being readied for service.

The Fun Fair was well attended, with 89 kids signing up for the fair. In the past expenses have been covered by dollars from the donation account. Tim questioned if this was still appropriate, and was advised by the Committee it was.

In reference to the Length of Service Program (LOSA), the process has been started to cash in the funds and then checks will be issued to those entitled to receive them. In conjunction with this, contact has been made with a couple financial advisors and that information has been given to participants should they wish to use their services.

Runs are up 186 from 2009. 1069 runs so far this year as compared to 883 this same time last year. So far approximately \$800,000.00 has been billed as compared to \$600,000.00 in 2009.

Old Business – EMS - None

New Business – EMS

A) Committee did not convene into closed session as there were no write-offs to discuss this month.

Coroner's Report – None

Old Business – Coroner - None

New Business – Coroner - None

Sheriff's Reports

Jail – Lt. Peterman

Work has been completed in the Jail Nurse's office which included adding a light to a closet and an electrical outlet in the bathroom.

Our summer worker started on 06/01/2010. In an effort to save money, one summer worker position was cut, leaving the jail with only one.

The monthly report for the jail was provided: Average daily population in Main Jail: 113; average daily population in WRC:30; total billable for May 2010: \$137,100.36 (approx).

Detective Division – Lt. Thurley

Discussed the fire at the Town of Wautoma collection site. Estimated damage is \$80,000.00. Arrests have been made.

Wire theft/burglaries are on the rise again. The department is working with surrounding counties on various leads. Sheriff Peterson is also doing a media blitz on the wire thefts.

Talked about a "Leads on Line" demonstration for pawn shop info. This information used to be available with a phone call, however, that has changed and of course there is a cost for the service. Randy signed up for the demo on a 30 day free trial, and will be getting a price quote.

He and Sheriff Peterson will be attending a meeting in DeForest today with DOT and DCI in reference to asset forfeiture dollars from a recent traffic stop/arrest.

Department personnel are meeting quarterly with Department of Human Service's personnel to discuss cases/problems. So far two meetings have been held with another scheduled for August.

Patrol – Lt. Nett

Nathan Klapoetke has completed his field training which was performance based, and is now on his own. Brandon Hood will be starting on 06/07/2010, and will be replacing Lafe Hendrickson at the Work Release Center.

All the Badger TraCS equipment has been installed. He and Sgt. Weasner will be attending a two day train the trainer training, and then will come back and train department personnel.

Sheriff Peterson

Commended EMS for their service in light of a recent personal experience.

Discussed another daytime burglary and arrests made.

The pharmacist came from Aurora Health and sorted medications from the collection boxes. 74 ½ pounds of non controlled and 6.1 pounds of controlled substances were collected. Sheriff sent an e-mail to the company who donated the boxes, advising they are being well used.

The potato growers came up with a list of salvage dealers in reference to the recent metal thefts. Sheriff Peterson will be addressing various issues with them via a mailing.

Our most recently hired dispatcher has left for other employment. There is no one on the eligibility list, and the process has already started for same.

A meeting was held with the police chiefs and municipal officials to discuss the transition to a new records management system and the advantage to coming on board when the switch is made.

Held department training for all sworn officers. The DA and Corporal Counsel discussed concerns, and Lt. Nett and Lt. Thurley reviewed policy and procedure protocols.

The Department participated in the Click It or Ticket program over the Memorial holiday. No funding was received, with no over-time incurred, but the department will be entered in a drawing for equipment.

Advised he is seeking re-election as Sheriff citing the support received from this committee and the County Board as a factor in his decision.

Old Business – Sheriff

A) Discussion/Possible Action – Emergency Alert System: Lt. Boening advised that the grant would not be available if the system is not sustainable. No action needed.

B) Discussion/Possible Action – Firearms Surrender Policy: Sheriff Peterson advised he met with the Judge, Court Commissioner, Clerk of Courts, Corporation Counsel and District Attorney to discuss and revise the Firearms Surrender Policy. Feels all concerns have been addressed and is requesting approval of the policy presented. Sworn personnel have been trained in reference to the policy at a recent department meeting. Sheriff Peterson discussed the training officers received and the criteria which must be met in order to take weapons. Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the Firearms Surrender Policy as presented by Sheriff Peterson. Motion carried.

C) Discussion/Possible Action – State Forfeiture Roll-Over Account: Sheriff Peterson explained why he felt the need to keep the state and federal forfeiture accounts separate. At the last meeting this was discussed and the Committee approved using the State forfeiture fund for drug education and canine maintenance. Forfeitures to date are approximately \$6,000.00, with some of the forfeitures directly related to K-9 facilitated sniffs. Lt. Thurley advised he had contacted a representative from Madison and these types of dollars can be used for canine maintenance, and is expecting something in writing. Question was raised if Crime Stoppers was no longer going to be supporting the dogs. Sheriff Peterson advised Crime Stoppers would continue to pay for one time expenses, i.e. the bite suit. Also, it is also their intention to continue to fund raise in support of the dogs, as well as other programs/items. Norm Weiss advised that when the purchase and support of the dogs came before County Board it was the understanding that there would be no additional cost to the tax payer, all costs involved would be covered by Crime Stoppers. Administrative Coordinator Deb Behringer stated that before any funds could be used to cover canine care and maintenance expenses, a resolution and budget addendum would have to be presented to County Board for consideration and action. The County Board needs to understand that if passed the County will be involved in canine care and maintenance, even if there is no cost to the tax payer. Also, Deb advised who is paying for what

should be openly disclosed to County Board. Donna Kalata reiterated that Crime Stoppers will continue to support the canines, however, feels it is appropriate to use these state forfeiture dollars for care and maintenance of the dogs. Sheriff Peterson agreed it needs to be clear about expenses and who gets to spend the state forfeiture money. Question was asked, what happens when or if the forfeiture money is spent? Lt. Peterman suggested putting in the resolution that if all forfeiture funds are spent, then Crime Stoppers would again be responsible for any and all canine expense. Sheriff Peterson suggested that perhaps Crime Stoppers would add dollars to the state forfeiture account as well. After much discussion, motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve a designated account for state forfeiture dollars with the understanding that canine care and maintenance would be included as an allowable expense, and that if at some point there are no funds in the account for same, Crime Stoppers would be responsible for all canine expense. A resolution for this will be drafted by Administrative Coordinator Deb Behringer which will be presented to County Board for consideration in July 2010. Motion carried. Also during this discussion, lodging expenses for annual canine training were discussed. Sheriff Peterson requested to have these bills paid out of the sheriff training budget as this is part of the officer's annual training. Motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata that payment should be made for the lodging expense from the sheriff training budget. Motion carried.

New Business – Sheriff

A) Discussion/Action – Resolution Approving the Waushara County All Hazards Mitigation Plan: East Central Planning will be at the June County Board meeting for a presentation and to answer any questions. Motion was made by Donna Kalata and seconded by Mark Kerschner to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

B) Discussion/Possible Action – Ordinance Amending Waushara County Code Chapter 14, Article II, Emergency Management: Lt. Boening advised that Chapter 323 which governs Emergency Management in the State of Wisconsin had been recodified and the ordinance needs to be amended reflecting the changes. Sheriff Peterson voiced his concern about language in the ordinance where it talks about taking control of local municipalities, and that there is no other Emergency Management Director in the County. Deb Behringer advised the City of Berlin does have an Emergency Management Director. After discussion by the Committee, motion was made by Mark Kerschner and seconded by Donna Kalata to approve the ordinance as presented. This will be brought to County Board in June for consideration and action. Motion carried. Sheriff Peterson advised he will make sure all city/villages receive a copy of the document.

C) Discussion/Possible Action – Language Line for Dispatch: This was briefly discussed at last months meeting. Lt. Boening stated we would be able to get an interpreter on the line which would cost .98 per minute and would be on a per use basis. Sheriff Peterson had a concern the line may become a crutch and be used too much. Deb Behringer questioned how often does the need arise, and was advised by Lt. Boening not very often, however, more times in the summer months. Norm Weiss questioned if the Department had a policy in reference to this, and was advised no. Item was tabled to next meeting as Deb Behringer wanted to do some research.

D) Discussion/Possible Action – Inmate Phone Service Contract: Lt. Peterman advised the current contract with Securus is up June 24, 2010, and they have been given notice we will not be renewing the contract. Various inmate phone companies have been contacting him, and they are all being told the same thing in reference to revenue expected, recording of the visitation booths and the need for a web based system to allow for any upgrades. Lt. Peterman advised he will have information for the July meeting for consideration. No action needed at this meeting, information only.

E) Discussion/Possible Action – Health Care Support Person: Lt. Peterman explained that our inmate health service (HPL) has requested clerical support for approximately 10 hours per week, with the understanding that the person would be an HPL employee. In past jail inspections, the jail inspector has indicated she felt the jail should have a 40 hour per week nursing position. In lieu of this, clerical assistance would free up some of the nurse's time. Of course, this addition would increase the cost of our contract. Sheriff Peterson suggested assigning a person already employed by the department to assist with the clerical duties. He also sees the need to follow the recommendation of the jail inspector. He also brought up that the greatest point of liability in the jail is in the health area. After discussion, this was tabled till the July meeting. No action taken.

F) Discussion/Possible Action – Spillman Technologies Information for County Board Consideration: Sheriff Peterson explained that bids were not solicited, and the Department is looking at only one vendor, Spillman Technologies, as they meet our needs the best. Especially for information sharing and talking with surrounding counties who already use the Spillman product. Basically he is looking for County Board to approve the concept without a firm dollar cost attached. Deb Behringer questioned if there would be any way to regionalize records management. Sheriff Peterson felt this would be better addressed after everyone was already on the same system. Spillman Technologies will be giving a presentation about their system at an upcoming County Board Meeting. Committee supported the concept as presented by Sheriff Peterson.

G) Discussion/Possible Action – Towers & Radio Console Upgrades: Sheriff Peterson explained the Department had requested information from Motorola in reference to communication within the County in conjunction with the upcoming narrow banding mandates from the FCC which go into effect December 31, 2012. Narrow banding will shorten communication range, thus the need for additional towers in the County. In addition to our three current towers, it is Motorola's recommendation to add three more. One in the Plainfield area, one in the Highway 21 corridor between Redgranite and Wautoma and one in the Saxeville area. The Poy Sippi site would be moved to a higher location in the same area. Question is to build or lease space on existing towers in the County. There are pros and cons to both. Approximate cost to build one new tower including equipment is \$865,000.00 per the information received from Motorola. Lease of space on an existing tower depends on the tower owner. In either case, there would be sustainment costs which would be ongoing. Also upgrades to the dispatch consoles and the radio at the Work Release Center would be part of the project. Lt. Boening shared coverage maps prepared by Motorola with the Committee. Sheriff Peterson would like the tower construction or lease to be part of the bonding issue the County is considering. Sheriff Peterson also indicated he would like County Board to approve the concept, as he did not feel hard dollar figures would be available. After discussion by the Committee, they directed this issue be brought before the Radio Study Committee for consideration and recommendation, and then to bring it back to the Public Safety Committee for consideration and possible action. Norm Weiss hoped a proposal would be available to go to County Board for consideration in either July or August.

Future Suggested Agenda Items: Those mentioned in the minutes.

H) At the conclusion of the meeting a tour of the Work Release Center was conducted. Committee members Donna Kalata and Mark Kerschner went on the tour. Norm Weiss did not go on the tour as he was expected at another meeting. Committee adjourned after the tour.

The next regular meeting will be held July 7, 2010, starting at 9:00 A.M., in the basement conference room at the Waushara County Sheriff's Department.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Masticola
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