

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING -
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March 11, 2009

Chair Robert Egan called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, in the Justice Center Conference Room, at the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present. The following persons were present: Robert Egan, Sigurd Hjemvick, Jack Harrison, Alden Bauman, Edward Bluthardt, Sheriff Niebuhr, Chief Deputy Fath, Jail Administrator Evenson, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Paul Tirpe, Deputy Shyla Belzer, and recorder Carol Krebs.

Approve agenda. Jack Harrison made a motion to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Approve Minutes. Alden Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2009 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/New Appointments. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that Joshua Collette has been hired to fill a part-time Correctional Officer position. His first day of employment was January 19, 2009. Sheriff Niebuhr also reported Dennis Sengstock has been hired to fill a full-time Telecommunications Officer position. His first day of employment was January 27, 2009.

Resolution - Child Death Review Team Policies and Procedures. Coroner Paul Tirpe was present to discuss the Resolution - Child Death Review Team Policies and Procedures. Sheriff Niebuhr requested the word "child" be inserted on line one, page 2, item 2C. It should read "CDRT will review all preventable child deaths that occur in Vilas County." The committee had several questions of Mr. Tirpe. He advised he would talk with the Corporation Counsel, and report back next month to the committee. Motion by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to table this item. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution - CODE RED Emergency Communications Network. Emergency Management Director, James Galloway presented the Resolution for the CODE RED Emergency Communications Network. This system will provide Vilas County with a very effective communications tool during severe weather events, road closings, fires, and other emergency situations. Brian Choyka, from CODE RED, presented a web demonstration and conducted a question and answer session for the committee members. The total cost to implement the CODE RED Emergency Service is \$7,500.00 per year. The Resolution asks to fund the program for CY2009, from the General Fund,

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and thereafter it would become an expense line, located within the Emergency Management budget. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to approve the Resolution for the CODE RED Emergency Communications Network, and forward it to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Emergency Management Issues. Emergency Management Director, James Galloway reported on the activities of his department. No action was taken by the committee.

Communication Project Issues. Sheriff Niebuhr updated the committee on the Communications Project.

Equipment Purchases “Sheriff.” No discussion.

Equipment Purchases “Jail.” No discussion.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed the budget.

Letters and Communications. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee the current Jail population was 105.

Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that Emergency Management Director, James Galloway was currently hosting an Incident Management/Unified Command, ICS-300 training class, March 10-12, 2009. There are several department members, as well as many other county agencies, participating in this three-day training. The training is being presented by the Texas Engineering Extension Service, The Texas A & M University System, in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Grants and Training. Mr. Galloway wrote a successful grant application, and was able to bring this training to the County, at no charge.

Approval of bills. A motion was made by Alden Bauman to approve the bills. Motion was seconded by Sigurd Hjenvick. All voting aye. Carried.

Future Meeting Date. Monday, April 13, 2009, at 9:30 A.M., in the Justice Center conference room. Meeting date was confirmed.

Adjournment. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. All voting aye. Carried.

Minutes reflect the recorders' notations and are subject to approval by the appropriate board or committee.

Submitted by:
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Confidential Secretary