

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING -
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May 13, 2009

Vice Chair Sigurd Hjemvick called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 13, 2009, in the Justice Center Conference Room, at the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present. The following persons were present: Sigurd Hjemvick, Jack Harrison, Alden Bauman, Edward Bluthardt, Sheriff Niebuhr, Chief Deputy Fath, Captain Butler, Jail Administrator Evenson, Lieutenant Gary Peske, Emergency Management Director Galloway, and recorder Carol Krebs. Not present and excused was Robert Egan.

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

Approve Minutes. Edward Bluthardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2009 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/New Appointments. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that Corey Backhaus has resigned his full-time Deputy Sheriff position, effective April 28, 2009.

Sheriff Niebuhr reported Correctional Officer, Sue Bedish has been promoted to Jail Sergeant, effective May 3, 2009.

Sheriff Niebuhr reported part-time Correctional Officer, Joshua Collette has accepted the full-time Correctional Officer position, effective May 3, 2009.

Resolution - Hiring One Full-Time Deputy Sheriff due to a Vacancy. Sheriff Niebuhr presented a Resolution to hire a full-time Deputy Sheriff, due to the resignation of Corey Backhaus. A motion was made by Jack Harrison to approve the Resolution, and forward it to the full County Board for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution - Hiring One Part-Time Corrections Officer due to a Vacancy. Sheriff Niebuhr presented a Resolution to hire a part-time Corrections Officer, due to Joshua Collette accepting the full-time position. A motion was made by Alden Bauman to approve the Resolution, and forward it to the full County Board for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

Uniform Damage – Request for Replacement Deputy Corey Backhaus. On March 7, 2009, Deputy Backhaus damaged a pair of Friskmaster gloves and a pair of Horace Small uniform pants. He is requesting reimbursement for the items, in the amount of \$124.49. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt to approve replacing the items for Deputy Backhaus. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

Out of State Training – MOCIC Conference August 25-27, 2009, Duluth, MN. Sheriff Niebuhr requested permission for himself and Chief Deputy Fath to attend the MOCIC Conference, August 25-27, 2009, in Duluth, MN. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the Sheriff and Chief Deputy attending the out of state conference, subject to approval of the Finance Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

Out of State Training – Calibre Press May 5-6, 2009, Bloomington, MN. Due to the short notice of this training, Captain Butler obtained permission, from Robert Egan and Kathleen Rushlow, to send two deputies to this training. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the Calibre Press training, subject to approval of the Finance Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

Line Item Transfer Request(s) Sheriff, Jail, and Emergency Management Budgets.

The following line item transfer(s) were requested:

Sheriff Budget:

Transfer \$5,000.00 from Telecommunicator Salaries 100.52101.129 to Part-time Telecommunicator Salaries 100.52101.139. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the line item transfer. All voting aye. Carried.

Jail Budget:

Transfer \$6,907.93 from Part-time Jail Record Spec. Salaries 100.52701.204 to Correctional Officer Salaries 100.52701.128. Motion by Jack Harrison, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the line item transfer. Jack Harrison, Alden Bauman, and Sigurd Hjemvick voted aye. Edward Bluthardt voted no. Carried.

Emergency Management Budget:

Transfer \$250.00 from Capital Equipment 100.52600.810 to CodeRed 100.52600.629. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the line item transfer. All voting aye. Carried.

EPTEC Contract. Emergency Management Director Galloway presented the EPTEC contract to the committee for approval. The EPTEC contract is the consultant's fee for the exercise at the Arbor Vitae School, on June 6, 2009. The contract price is \$7,810.00 and is covered by the grant. A motion to approve the contract as made by Alden Bauman. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

Emergency Management Issues. Emergency Management Director, James Galloway reported on the activities of his department.

Communication Project Issues. Lieutenant Peske updated the committee on the Communications Project.

Equipment Purchases “Sheriff.” Sheriff Niebuhr asked the committee for consideration to purchase ten new Taser’s, from Ray O’Herron. The total cost would be \$8,199.50, and could be paid from the Federal Forfeiture line. A motion was made by Jack Harrison to approve the Taser purchase, subject to approval from the Public Property Committee. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Equipment Purchases “Jail.” Jail Administrator Evenson asked the committee for consideration to purchase two new Taser’s for the Jail, from Taser International. The total cost would be \$1,619.90, and could be paid from the Jail equipment line. A motion was made by Alden Bauman to approve the Taser purchase, subject to approval from the Public Property Committee. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

Jail Administrator Evenson asked the committee for consideration to purchase two new portable radio’s for the Jail, from Northway Communications. The total cost would be \$1,848.00, and could be paid from the Jail Assessment line. A motion was made by Jack Harrison to approve the radio purchase, subject to approval from the Public Property Committee. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Jail Administrator Evenson asked the committee for consideration to purchase a new Xerox Copy/Fax machine for the Jail, from HSI Business Center. The total cost would be \$1,844.00, and could be paid from the Jail equipment line. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt to approve the Xerox Copy/FAX machine purchase, subject to approval from the Public Property Committee. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Jail Administrator Evenson asked the committee for consideration to purchase a new shredder for the Jail, from Office Depot. The total cost would be \$599.99, and could be paid from the Jail equipment line. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt to approve the shredder purchase, subject to approval from the Public Property Committee. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed the budget.

Letters and Communications. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that one of the inmates had intentionally damaged a cell, in an attempt to escape. The inmate will be charged with Felony Attempted Escape and Criminal Damage to Property. The repair estimate may exceed \$5,000.00. Along with charging the inmate, we will ask for restitution for the damage incurred by the County.

Approval of bills. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt to approve the bills. Motion was seconded by Jack Harrison. All voting aye. Carried.

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Future Meeting Date. Thursday, June 11, 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 10:25 a.m. All voting aye. Carried.

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

Submitted by:
Carol A. Krebs
Confidential Secretary