

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING -
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September 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 Friday, September 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 Hjermvick, Alden Bauman, Edward Bluthardt, Sheriff Niebuhr, Captain Butler, Jail Administrator Evenson, and recorder Carol Krebs.

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

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

Closed Session: Motion by Sigurd Hjermvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to adjourn into closed session at 9:32 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(d), (f) for the purpose of considering strategy for crime detection or prevention, and for preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such problems. A roll call vote found the following members voting yes: Chair Robert Egan, Vice-Chair Sigurd Hjermvick, Alden Bauman, and Edward Bluthardt, unanimous, motion carried.

Adjournment of the closed session and return to open session: Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Sigurd Hjermvick for adjournment of the closed session and return to open session, at 9:36 a.m., pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(d), (f). A roll call vote found the following members voting yes: Chair Robert Egan, Vice-Chair Sigurd Hjermvick, Alden Bauman, and Edward Bluthardt, unanimous, motion carried.

Committee may consider ratifying any action taken in closed session. No action taken by the committee.

BREAK at 10:00 a.m. for the September 11, 2009 Memorial Service. The committee meeting reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Resignations/New Appointments. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee Emily A. Miller was hired on August 31, 2009, as a full-time Deputy Sheriff. There were no resignations to report.

Resolution – Change the part-time Correctional Officer position, assigned to Jail Record Specialist duties, to a full-time position, effective January 1, 2010. Motion

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by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to table this agenda item. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – 2010 New Squad Car Purchases. Captain Butler presented the Resolution for 2010 New Squad Car Purchases. The total cost of the proposed seven vehicles is \$167,137.00. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to approve the 2010 New Squad Car Purchase Resolution, and forward it to the County Board for their consideration, at the September 22, 2009 meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – 2010 Repair Sheriff’s Department Squad Garage Floor. Sheriff Niebuhr asked the committee to consider a Resolution to repair the squad garage floor. The floor was originally constructed in 1998. Since construction, the floor is degrading and in need of repair. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that any further deterioration of floor surface may pose a safety concern or an increased risk of trip and fall accidents. If the Resolution is approved by the full County Board, the cost would be added to the 2010 Outlay budget. The committee discussed the safety concern, and asked the Sheriff to have Emergency Management Director, James Galloway review the deterioration, document his findings, and include this information with the Resolution. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to approve the Resolution, and forward it to the County Board for their consideration, at the September 22, 2009, meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – Stimulus Grant JAG Recovery Act: Drug Task Forces (2009) Hire Drug Investigator. Sheriff Niebuhr presented the Resolution for the Stimulus Grant JAG Recovery Act: Drug Task Forces (2009) Hire Drug Investigator. The grant application deadline is Tuesday, October 13, 2009. The grant would support drug task force efforts to enhance information sharing, upgrade case management systems, and hire additional task force-dedicated investigators. The funding may also be used for new programs or investigative techniques that specifically address prescription drug diversion, sale and use. There are no matching funds required by Vilas County for this JAG Grant program. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Sigurd Hjenvick to approve the Resolution for the grant application, upon approval of said grant, the creation of the proposed investigator position will be subject to full County Board approval. All voting aye. Carried.

Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 9, Public Peace and Order:

- a. Regulation of Fireworks;**
- b. Howling or Barking Dogs/Vicious Animals;**
- c. False Alarms.**

The committee reviewed the Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 9, Public Peace and Order. The committee suggested removing “*on two separate occasions*”, in Section 9.29 (Vicious Dogs), paragraph 7, and correcting two grammatical errors found in Section 9.21 (False Alarms). Motion by Sigurd Hjenvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the Ordinance Amendments to Chapter 9, Public Peace and Order by the creation of 9.07 (Fireworks), section 9.28 (Howling or barking Dogs) and 9.29 (Vicious Dogs), and the amendment of section 9.21 (False Alarms). All voting aye. Carried.

2009 Vilas County Transport Cost(s). Sheriff Niebuhr provided the committee with a report on the transport costs through September 8, 2009. Chair Robert Egan asked to have this report updated for the 2010 budget meetings, and to correct the current mileage rate to \$.55 per mile.

Line item transfer request(s):

a. Sheriff Budget;

Transfer \$5,000.00 from Deputy Salaries to Part-time Deputy Salaries; and
Transfer \$5,000.00 from Telcommunicator Salaries to Part-time Telecommunicator Salaries.

b. Jail Budget.

Transfer \$5,000.00 from Correctional Officer Salaries to Part-time Correctional Officer Salaries;
Transfer \$5,000.00 from Kitchen Equipment to Kitchen Supplies; and
Transfer \$5,000.00 from Jail Equipment to Jail Supplies.

Motion by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the line item transfer(s) listed above, and forward them to the Finance Committee for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Emergency Management Issues. Emergency Management Director, James Galloway reported was not present. No discussion.

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. Motion by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the budget report. All voting aye. Carried.

Letters and Communications. Sheriff Niebuhr shared "thank you" letter, Lieutenant Peske received in the U.S. Mail, from a citizen that called 911 for assistance.

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

Future Meeting Date. The October committee meeting date was changed to Thursday, October 8, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., in the Justice Center conference room.

Adjournment. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Sigurd Hjemvick to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 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