

Green County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2021

Members Present:

Richard Thoman, Chairperson/via zoom
Joe Snow, Vice-Chairperson
Aaron Withee
John Bernstein
Alex Lonien

Non-members Present:

Dana Weber, Recording Secretary
Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud
Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski
EMG Director Tanna McKeon

Citizens present: Carl Goebel, Justin Goebel, Peter Bernstein

1. Verified that door is unlocked.
2. Meeting called to order @ 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Joe Snow.
3. **Approve minutes of previous regular meeting:** Motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting by John Bernstein; 2nd by Aaron Withee; Motion carried.
4. **Discussion and possible action on citizen request for Green County to approve 2nd amendment Sanctuary Resolution. (Citizen input 10-minute time limit):** Vice Chairperson Joe Snow opened up the floor on the 2nd amendment Sanctuary Resolution. Peter Bernstein handed out information on a resolution for Green County and read the resolution to the committee and answered questions. Peter Bernstein indicated that 14 other counties have passed the resolution and 47 are in the process of passing the resolution. Peter Bernstein stated that 62 counties in IL have passed the resolution and he noted examples of what other counties have done and he asked that Green County pass the resolution. Committee Member John Bernstein told the committee that he is not related to Peter Bernstein so there is no conflict of interest. Vice Chairperson Joe Snow asked for discussion on the information presented on the 2nd amendment Sanctuary Resolution. The committee discussed the resolution and Sheriff Skatrud stated that the department follows the Constitution and the resolution can pass but the Sheriff must enforce and follow the law and the resolution is not binding with the Sheriff's office.

John Bernstein made a motion to approve the 2nd amendment Sanctuary Resolution and forward on to the next step, to county board and/or corporation counsel for review; 2nd by Aaron Withee. Motion carried.

5. **Review Emergency Management updates:** Emergence Management (EMG) Director Tanna McKeon advised the committee that all training and exercises have been put on hold. EMG Director McKeon indicated that she is writing a Homeland Security Grant for the City of Monroe emergency responders in partnership with R.R. Donnelly. The total grant is \$10,947.76 and there is no county match and 100% of costs are covered. EMG Director McKeon stated that since the grant is over \$10,000.00 it requires approval and then it must be sent to the Finance Committee for approval, with the deadline to write the grant is January 31.

Aaron Withee made a motion to approve the Homeland Security Grant and forward to Finance for approval; 2nd by Alex Lonien. Motion carried.

EMG Director McKeon updated the committee on the ongoing EOC meetings, planning, activities, testing, and vaccinations relating to the Covid-19 pandemic. EMG Director McKeon advised that there is a new testing site at the Swiss Colony outlet center and testing is done on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays and the turn-around time on results is really quick.

Aaron Withee made a motion to accept the Emergency management report; 2nd by John Bernstein. Motion carried.

6: Review and approve updates on radio system: Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski briefed the committee that the tower sites are being looked at and the corporation counsel is reviewing the contracts and the civil work will go out to the bidding process. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the portables that are not in use anymore at the department were lent out to the Monroe Rural Fire district.

7. Training requests: Sheriff Skatrud and Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski had the following training request; A patrol deputy to attend WTSOA Annual Conference at Stevens Point, WI, February 22-24, with 3 overnights and registration fee of \$200.00. Aaron Withee made a motion to approve the training request; 2nd by Alex Lonien. Motion carried.

8. Review jail population and jail medical issues: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the jail housed an average of 29 inmates for December and 26 for November. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that the department averaged 25 inmates/day for 2020 and this is the lowest average that anyone can remember. Sheriff Skatrud advised that nine inmates are on the bracelet system. Sheriff Skatrud stated that the inmates should be coming back a little at a time and the inmates are quarantined before they are put in the general population.

9. Review public safety and department updates: Sheriff Skatrud updated the committee that he has received the state bid for the six squad cars and to get the 2020 rate, the bid has to be approved before January 22. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the state bid for the Ford Explorers is \$32,600/squad for a total of \$195,600.00, which comes in under the budgeted number.

John Bernstein made a motion to approve the state bid for each squad at a price of \$32,600; 2nd by Aaron Withee.

Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department has 2 retirements this month and backgrounds are being done. Sheriff Skatrud advised that he has posted to fill a detective position and 2 patrol deputies start the academy this month.

Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department had a homicide case and the arrested suspect is in Rock County Juvenile Center. The department has to pay \$205/day until the suspect turns 17 and can be moved to a different facility. The total cost may be a little over \$25,000.00.

10. Review monthly Budget printout: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department budget looks to be at about \$380,288.59 left but will know more next month. Sheriff Skatrud advised that due to COVID the jail population was at the lowest population and that affects transports, meals, medical, transports, bailiff hours, inmate supplies, and equipment usage. The department also, did not incur a lot of overtime due to no

training, overnights, and no major cases. The department also received grant money to help purchase department supplies.

11. Review and approve non-lapsing funds to 2021 budget: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department would like to non-lapse the funds from 2020 budget to the 2021 budget to help cover the Huber dorm that was budgeted this year but could not get parts until 2021, monies to help cover the EMG budget, the Sheriff budget, the increases due to the WPPA contract and the Rock Co. jail costs. The committee discussed non-lapsing funds from 2020 to cover the funding.

The committee discussed the 1997 mobile command vehicle and that they non-lapsing \$50,000.00 to update last year and would like to non-lapse more remaining monies to update the mobile command vehicle for the county.

Aaron Withee made a motion to non-lapse \$250,000.00 to the 2021 Sheriff budget and the remaining monies from the 2020 budget to be non-lapsed to the Mobile command vehicle non-lapsing account; 2nd by Alex Lonien. Motion carried.

12. Audit bills: The Department Bills were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by Alex Lonien and seconded by John Bernstein to approve the bills. Motion carried.

13. Next Meeting: Next meeting date is on Tuesday, February 9, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. John Bernstein moved to adjourn and Alex Lonien seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Snow.

Submitted by Dana Weber