

Green County Law Enforcement Committee

Meeting Minutes from April 14, 2021

Members Present:

Richard Thoman, Chairperson
Joe Snow, Vice- Chairperson 5:48pm
Aaron Withee
John Bernstein

Non-members Present:

Dana Weber, Recording Secretary
Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud
Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski
EMG Director Tanna McKeon
Donna Flannery, EMS Assn. President

1. Verified that door is unlocked.
2. Meeting called to order @ 5:45 p.m. by Chairperson Richard Thoman.
3. **Approve minutes of previous regular meeting:** Joe Snow advised that there was a typo in the March minutes and John Bernstein made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction from the previous meeting; 2nd by Joe Snow; Motion carried.

4. **Review and approve EMS updates, if any:** EMS Assn. President Donna Flannery updated the committee on a bill that passed the Senate and now goes to the Assembly to make the National Registry Test (NREMT) optional for volunteers who are seeking to serve at the Emergency Medical Responder (EMR) level of service. Each local service would be allowed to determine whether they will require the test for their volunteers. This bill would simply give them the option. The test costs \$75.00/test and a lot of volunteers are not participating because of this test. Removing this test should help rural ambulance services to recruit more volunteers. Donna also advised that they are looking at removing the added instruction for military members as they are already trained.

Donna advised that Green County EMS has been helping out Lafayette County and Lafayette County has now hired an EMT Director and she advised that there is training coming up for Basic Life Support, Mental Health, etc. Donna stated that many people are dealing with mental health issues due to the pandemic.

Donna inquired about radios for the ambulance services with the Green County radio project. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department will be able to help with radios and portables, as there should be monies left after the project but a dollar amount is unknown at this time.

5. **Review Emergency Management updates:** Emergency Management (EMG) Director Tanna McKeon advised that many counties are dealing with mental health issues due to the COVID pandemic. EMG Director McKeon updated the committee on the virtual training that she and the program assistant have participated in. EMG Director McKeon updated the committee that two new planning facilities were added to the Offsite Hazardous Material plans. EMG Director McKeon advised that the Emergency Response plans are ready for distribution and this week is Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness week and the EMG department is updating the disaster preparedness manuals. EMG Director McKeon briefed the committee on the Covid-19 operations in the county.

6. **Review and possible approval of Radio system projected civil work bids:** Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski updated the committee that the civil sealed bids have been received and reviewed by the consultants. Chief Deputy Moczynski stated that the Albany tower may need to be built at 105 feet to meet the FAA requirements and it is noted that this height will meet the coverage that is needed but if the additional 90 feet can be added in the future, that

would be ideal. Chief Deputy Moczynski indicated that sharing a cell tower was looked at as an option but it was not cost effective for the county. The committee looked at the bids that were received for the civil project and they looked over the radio system budgeted numbers.

John Bernstein made a motion to approve the civil bid of \$1,016,647.08, with not exceeding price, from Joe Daniels Construction Company contingent on the county reviewing and approving the Albany tower site costs and then forwarding to county board for approval; 2nd by Joe Snow. Motion carried.

Sheriff Skatrud indicated that it should take about 22 weeks to complete this project.

7. Training Requests: Sheriff Skatrud and Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski had the following training requests:

- 1) A patrol sergeant to attend Civil Process training at Stevens Point, WI, April 21-22, with 2 overnights and registration fee of \$150.00;
- 2) Two patrol deputies to attend updated FTO Basic training in Pewaukee, WI, July 20-22, with 3 overnights and a registration fee of \$350.00/each;

Aaron Withee made a motion to approve the training requests; 2nd Joe Snow. Motion carried.

8. Review Jail Population and jail medical issues: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the jail housed an average of 26 inmates for March and three inmates are on the bracelet system. Sheriff Skatrud stated that the jail had 37 inmates this morning and the population was at 28 last year at this time. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the population is starting to rise, as the courts are starting to slowly open up and the department has 6 inmates that will be going to the prison system as soon as they start accepting more. Sheriff Skatrud told the committee that 6 inmates have received the COVID vaccine.

9. Review Public Safety and Department updates: Sheriff Skatrud advised that a Jail sergeant has resigned and the department currently has a part time jailer, who will fill the full-time vacancy and another jailer has been hired contingent on passing physical testing. Sheriff Skatrud updated the committee that the department will be then be fully staffed and a couple of deputies are finishing up with the patrol academy and they will then spend 12 weeks on the field training program.

10. Review monthly Budget printout: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department will be finishing up last year's budget this month and the department hopefully, will be non-lapsing \$100,000 for the mobile command vehicle. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that when he was at the Sheriff's conference last month he talked to a company that builds mobile command vehicles and the cost will be about \$300,000 plus. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department has spent 25% of this year budget thus far, so on track.

11. Audit bills: The department bills were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by Joe Snow and seconded by John Bernstein to approve the bills. Motion carried.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting date is on Tuesday, May 11, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Joe Snow moved to adjourn and Aaron Withee seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. by Chairman Thoman.

Submitted by Dana Weber