

Green County Law Enforcement Committee Meeting Minutes from July 12, 2022

Members Present:

Richard Thoman, Chairperson
Mark Gundlach
David Tschudy
Isaiah Carlson

Non-members Present:

Dana Weber-Recording Secretary
Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud
Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski
EMG Director Tanna McKeon
Deputy Brett Hermanson

1. Verified that door is unlocked-Social distancing exercised.
2. Meeting called to order @ 5:45p.m. by Chairman Richard Thoman.
3. **Approve minutes of previous regular meeting:** Motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting by Mark Gundlach; 2nd by David Tschudy. Motion carried.
4. **Review Emergency Management updates:** Emergency Management (EMG) Director Tanna McKeon updated the committee on the annual computer grant. EMG Director McKeon advised the committee on the training and exercises that her department has attended, planned and have upcoming in the near future. EMG McKeon indicated that the farm plan has been completed, with one facility plan left to be completed. EMG Director McKeon updated the committee on the City of Monroe Functional Exercise is scheduled on July 27 with 29 people registered. EMG Director McKeon advised that the FEMA Martintown residence will be burned this upcoming weekend. EMG Director briefed the committee on the towns having to appoint emergency management coordinators to comply with State Statutes and other planning initiatives and campaigns. EMG Director McKeon indicated that the department is working on replacing the mobile command unit and the next meeting is July 26. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that the story that the Monroe Times ran on the mobile command unit was not correct.
5. **Review and updates on radio system:** Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski stated that there are not updates at this time.
6. **Training requests:** Sheriff Skatrud and Chief Deputy Moczynski had a training request for a lieutenant to attend the DCI 2022 Human Trafficking School from July 25-28, in Wausau, WI with 3 overnights and a registration cost of \$175.00. David Tschudy made a motion to approve the training; 2nd by Mark Gundlach. Motion carried.
7. **Review jail population and jail medical issues:** Sheriff Skatrud discussed the state of the department. The jail housed an average of 39 inmates for June and the population last year at this time was 37. There were two inmates in the jail that had to go to the hospital in June, with them all returning to jail. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that with the staffing shortages at the department, that the department will probably have to move the female inmates to Iowa County jail and the department will pay a daily fee for housing. The staffing in the jail is down 4 employees and the department has just hired a male jailer and is hoping to hire more jailers in the near future.

8. Review and approve Public Safety and Department updates: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the squad that was in the accident on May 31, was totaled by insurance so the department will have to order another squad to replace this one and the department will be ordering the last budgeted squad for truck enforcement as production is taking longer all the time.

Sheriff Skatrud advised the department is having trouble hiring qualified recruits and it is a problem everywhere. Sheriff Skatrud notified the committee that the patrol staff is down 3 and will be short another come August due to a retirement. Sheriff Skatrud advised that 3 deputies are on the list for Rock County and he expects another retirement after the first of the year. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department just hired a deputy and they will be attending the academy for 18 weeks and then will be in training program for 12 weeks. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that the department is not receiving applicants with experience. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that Dispatch is fully staffed with 2 new employees in training. The committee received a copy of the last exit interview and the employee had told the Sheriff that they were leaving due to personal reasons but on the form, they stated that it was due to pay.

9. Discussion and possible approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Green County Deputies Association regarding schedule changes; Sheriff Skatrud updated the committee that the department has meet with WPPA to look at going to 12 hour shifts due to staffing issues, with implementing the schedule maybe mid-August. Sheriff Skatrud stated that this needs to be approved by personnel, county board and the WPPA members. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that there will be a 30 day-review period. Each member received a copy of the Memorandum and it would be for one-year trial period. The deputies would be working 12 hour shifts in the jail and patrol to cover staffing issues. David Tschudy made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding contingent on WPPA approval and then to forwarded to the personnel and county board for approval; 2nd by Isaiah Carlson. Motion carried.

10. Review monthly Budget: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department has spent about 46% of the budget thus far this year and the department is currently on track.

11. Audit bills: The Department Bills were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by Mark Gundlach and seconded by Isaiah Carlson to approve the bills. Motion carried.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for August 9 at 5:45 p.m.

David Tschudy moved to adjourn and Mark Gundlach seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m. by Chairman Thoman.

Submitted by Dana Weber