

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEETING -  
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**February 11, 2010**

Chair Robert Egan called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 11, 2010, 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, Chief Deputy Fath, Captain Butler, Lieutenant Peske, Emergency Management Director Galloway, and recorder Carol Krebs. Not present and excused was Jack Harrison.

**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.** Sigurd Hjermvick made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2010 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

**Resignations/New Appointments.** No discussion.

**Resolution – 2009 JAG Recovery Act Drug Task Force Investigator.** Chief Deputy Fath presented the Resolution for the 2009 JAG Recovery Act Drug Task Force Investigator position, as the grant application has been approved, and the funds have been awarded to the Northcentral Drug Enforcement Group Task Force (NORDEG).

The Vilas County Board of Supervisors, at their September 22, 2009 meeting, approved Resolution 2009-78, authorizing the grant application, from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, to provide funding for a task force-dedicated drug investigator position, for the period of 3 years. The original Resolution authorizing the grant application stated that upon receipt of the grant award, an additional Resolution would be brought to the full County Board of Supervisors, for the approval and hiring of one additional new Deputy Sheriff. The grant will cover the cost associated with hiring the additional Deputy Sheriff for a period of 3 years. Upon approval of this Resolution, the Sheriff will re-assign a current Deputy Sheriff, to the task force-dedicated drug investigator position.

Supervisor Edward Bluthardt questioned why we would not ask the full County Board to approve this position beyond the three-year grant program. The Resolution brought before the committee today states "when these federal stimulus grant funds end, the additional task force-dedicated investigator position will end, unless other funding sources are obtained to maintain the position." Supervisor Bluthardt stated this drug task force investigator position is very much needed in this County, and he does not want to see this position eliminated, at the end of the three-year grant. He felt this language should be removed from the Resolution, and the committee should ask the

County Board to approve the creation of this position, and maintain it after the grant program ends.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman, to forward this Resolution as written, to the full County Board of Supervisors, for approval at the March 23, 2010 meeting. All voting aye. Carried.

**Line Item Transfer(s):** Sheriff Niebuhr asked the committee to consider the following line item transfer request(s):

- a. Sheriff Budget;

Transfer \$25.56 from 100.52101.310 Supplies to 100.52101.240 Maintenance of Equipment.

Motion by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the line item transfer noted above, subject to approval of the Finance Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

- b. Jail Budget; None
- c. Emergency Management Budget, None

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

**Communication Project Update.** Lieutenant Peske updated the committee on the Communications Project.

**Equipment Purchases “Sheriff.”** Captain Butler presented the following purchase order requests to the committee:

1. Squad Equipment – Gall’s Inc. \$3,135.00  
The squad equipment will be paid from the auto expense line. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the purchase, subject to approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

2. Squad Equipment – Gall’s Inc. \$1,119.00  
The equipment will be paid from the auto expense line. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the purchase, subject to approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

**Equipment Purchases “Jail.”** None.

**Review Budget.** The committee was advised of an issue with the monthly telephone bill. The County Clerk is receiving invoices, from Verizon, with charges that pertain to the telephone usage in the Sheriff’s Department. As of January 1, 2010, the County Clerk will begin to journal entry these costs, to the Sheriff telephone expense line. These costs could exceed \$1,000.00 per month, creating a huge deficit in the 2010 telephone expense line. Sheriff Niebuhr asked the committee to consider carrying over the remaining funds in the 2009 telephone expense line. There is a balance of \$2,460.39 remaining in the 2009 account. A motion was made by Alden Bauman to approve the carry over request, subject to approval of the Finance Committee. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

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The committee reviewed the budget. Motion by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the budget as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

**Letters and Communications.** Sheriff Niebuhr provided the committee with a snowmobile patrol report for the month of January 2010. In January, the patrol logged 305 hours, issued 24 citations, and issued 41 warnings.

Lieutenant Peske advised the committee that he received a "Thank You" card from a citizen advising him of the great job Telecommunications Officer, Tracy Schilling did providing them with pre-arrival instructions. The wife called 911, while she was driving, to report her husband was in the vehicle with her, and he was experiencing chest pain. The note read "thank you for doing your job with love and compassion, we truly respect and appreciate what you do".

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

**Future Meeting Date.** The next meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, March 11, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the Justice Center Conference room. The meeting date was confirmed.

**Adjournment.** Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Sigurd Hjemvick 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:  
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Confidential Secretary