

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**
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JULY 12, 2010

Chair Robert Egan called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:30 a.m., on Monday, July 12, 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, Alden Bauman, Jack Harrison, Edward Bluthardt, Emil Bakka, Kathleen Rushlow, Chief Deputy Fath, Captain Butler, Jail Administrator Timothy Evenson, and Emergency Management Director Galloway.

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

Approve Minutes. Edward Bluthardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/New Appointments. Chief Deputy Fath advised the committee Deputy Jeffrey Brunson has resigned his full-time Deputy Sheriff position, to accept a job in the private sector. His last day of employment will be July 18, 2010.

Jail Administrator Evenson advised the committee that part-time Correctional Officer, Rebecca Gleason, has been selected to fill the temporary full-time vacancy while Lyle Spurgeon is away on military leave. Correctional Officer Gleason will assume her new position, effective Sunday, July 25, 2010.

Resolution – To Hire One Law Records Office Manager, due to the Retirement of a Law Enforcement Clerk. Chief Deputy Fath advised the committee that the Personnel Committee will meet to discuss the proposed job description, and determine the salary. The Personnel Committee will author a joint Resolution with our committee, and forward the same to the full County Board for their consideration. The approval of the joint Resolution will be on our next committee meeting agenda.

Resolution - Child Death Review Team Grant Applications/Funds and Budget Amendment. Chief Deputy Fath presented the Resolution for the Child Death Review Team Grant Applications/Funds and Budget Amendment. The Resolution is coming before the committee as the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee is the oversight committee for the Child Death Review Team. After much discussion, a motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the Resolution and forward the same to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye; except Robert Egan and Edward Bluthardt. Carried.

Resolution – Ordinance Amendment Chapter 9 Public Peace and Order: Section 9.28 Howling or Barking Dogs. Chief Deputy Fath presented the Resolution for the Ordinance Amendment Chapter 9, Public Peace and Order. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the Resolution and forward the same to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Out of State Training – Spillman User’s Conference – Salt Lake City, Utah. Jail Administrator, Timothy Evenson asked permission to attend the Spillman User’s Conference, in Salt Lake City, Utah, in September. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Emil Bakka to approve Jail Administrator Evenson attending the conference, subject to approval of the Finance Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

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

County Board Supervisor, Kathleen Rushlow was present to discuss the CodeRed system, and the possibility of adding a severe weather warning option to the County’s subscription to CodeRed. The cost to add this option would be an additional \$5,000.00 per year. In the event of a severe weather warning, CodeRed would auto generate a message, and auto send it to the residents located within the path of the storm warning. Any storm related message, provided by the severe weather option, would not count toward the County’s total annual allotment of CodeRed minutes. The severe weather option has no limit on the number of calls, or minutes used per year.

Emergency Management Director Galloway advised the committee that in the event of an emergency, there can be a number of calls for service to the Vilas County dispatch center, and the County doesn’t receive much of a warning from the national weather service, in the event of severe weather.

Emergency Management Director Galloway asked permission to attend training at the National Fire Academy, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, October 25–28, 2010. The airfare and lodging expense will be paid in full by FEMA. The total impact on the County’s budget will be a \$97.50 meal ticket. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve Director Galloway attending the training. All voting aye. Carried.

Communication Project Update. Edward Bluthardt updated the committee on the Communications Project.

Equipment Purchases “Sheriff.” Chief Deputy Fath requested permission to purchase five replacement vests, from Gall’s, Inc., in the amount of \$3,540.00. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded Edward Bluthardt to approve the purchase of the body armor from Gall’s, Inc. All voting aye. Carried.

Equipment Purchases “Jail.” None.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed the department budget. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Emil Bakka to approve the budget report as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Letters and Communications. Edward Bluthardt requested a review of the boat patrol specifically the time of day, and the day of the week, as weekends are very busy on the chain. Mr. Bluthardt has received numerous complaints from the residents on the chain of lakes, due to the lack of law enforcement. Chief Deputy Fath advised that the lack of enforcement is primarily due to our current staffing level. With the resignation of Deputy Brunson, we have three full-time Deputy Sheriff vacancies.

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Jail Administrator Evenson read a letter from the State of Wisconsin, Department Corrections, Office of Detention Facilities, Mr. Marty Ordinans. Mr. Ordinans wrote after his recent tour of the Jail, "kudos to Tim and his staff for the outstanding attention to detail and the upkeep of the Jail."

Approval of bills. A motion was by Alden Bauman to approve the bills. Motion was seconded by Emil Bakka. All voting aye. Carried.

Future Meeting Date. The next meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, August 10, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., in the Justice Center Conference room. **The time was changed to 9:00 a.m.**, and Alden Bauman will be excused.

Adjournment. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. All voting aye. Carried.

Submitted by:

Joseph A. Fath, Chief Deputy