

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
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SEPTEMBER 10, 2010

Vice Chair Alden Bauman called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 10, 2010, in the Justice Center Conference Room, at the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, Eagle River, Wisconsin. Chair Robert Egan arrived at 9:33 a.m.

Present. The following persons were present: Robert Egan, Alden Bauman, Jack Harrison, Edward Bluthardt, Emil Bakka, Sheriff Niebuhr, Chief Deputy Fath, Jail Administrator Evenson, Lieutenant Peske, Deputy McMahon, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Detective Sergeant Tomlanovich, Harvey Hyslop, Ken Anderson, and recorder Carol Krebs.

Approve agenda. Emil Bakka 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. Emil Bakka made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2010 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/New Appointments. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that Alexander Schramke was hired as a full-time Deputy Sheriff, on September 7, 2010.

Letter of Commendation – Deputy Matthew McMahon. Sheriff Niebuhr presented Deputy Matthew McMahon with a “Letter of Commendation” for his heroic lifesaving efforts.



Photo by: Ken Anderson

The Letter of Commendation reads: "Presented to Deputy Mathew McMahon for your outstanding dedication to the citizens of Vilas County as demonstrated on Wednesday, August 25, 2010. Because of your quick and heroic response to a call for help for an individual who was fighting for his life by clinging to his overturned boat while on McCabe Lake. It is without question that this individual's life was saved by your actions and bravery. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued commitment to this department, and also to the citizens that we serve."

Sheriff Niebuhr also read a letter, to the committee, that he received from the victim and his wife, thanking Sheriff Niebuhr, Deputy McMahon and the entire department for the assistance.

Damaged Uniform Replacement – Deputy Shyla Belzer. Deputy Belzer requested replacement of her uniform gloves, which were damaged while assisting the Manitowish Waters Ambulance on a call. The cost to replace the gloves is \$42.15. Motion by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve replacing Deputy Belzer's gloves. All voting aye. Carried.

BREAK – At approximately 10:00 a.m. to attend the "Patriot Day – September 11, Memorial Service." The committee temporarily adjourned at 9:56 a.m. to attend the Patriot Day – September 11 Memorial Service. The committee meeting resumed at 10:41 a.m.

Resolution – Creation of Law Records Office Manager, due to the Retirement of a Law Enforcement Clerk. This Resolution was withdrawn.

Resolution – Hire One Full-time Law Enforcement Records Clerk due to a Retirement. Chief Deputy Fath presented the Resolution to hire one full-time Law Enforcement Records Clerk due to a retirement. A motion was made by Emil Bakka, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the Resolution, and forward it to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

2011 Special Projects and Outlay Requests. The committee reviewed the following 2011 Special Projects and Outlay Requests:

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| 1. Sheriff Capital Equipment Outlay (100.57162.810) | |
| a. HDX 6000 Series Video Conference Equipment | \$ 7,492.00 |
| b. 13 Patrol Rifles and associated equipment | <u>\$23,291.07</u> |
| Total | \$30,783.07 |
| 2. Information Systems Outlay (100.57193.810) | |
| a. Annual software and equipment upgrades, repairs, and/or replacement purchases | \$12,850.00 |
| b. 911 address and road data base computer | <u>\$ 1,650.00</u> |
| Total | \$14,500.00 |

A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the 2011 Special Projects and Outlay Requests, as presented above. All voting aye. Carried.

2011 Video Conferencing Equipment. Included in 2011 Special Projects and Outlay Requests, see previous agenda item.

Resolution – 2011 Squad Car Purchase. Chief Deputy Fath presented the Resolution for the 2011 Squad Car Purchase(s). The Sheriff has identified the need to purchase seven (7) new patrol vehicles in 2011. These new vehicles will replace seven vehicles, within the current fleet, that have high mileage. The State of Wisconsin has awarded Ewald Automotive Group the State Bid pricing for 2011. The Resolution requests permission to purchase six (6) 2011 Dodge Charger Police vehicles at a cost of \$24,991.00 per vehicle, and one (1) 2011 Ford Taurus AWD SEL at a cost of \$24,327.00, for a total of \$149,946.00 for the 7 seven new vehicles. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the Resolution for the 2011 Squad Car Purchase(s), and forward it to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – 2011 Rifle Purchase. Chief Deputy Fath presented the Resolution for the 2011 Rifle Purchase. The Sheriff has identified the need to purchase thirteen (13) rifles to enhance the safety of our officer's and the citizens that we serve. The total cost for the rifles, associated equipment, and shipping will be \$23,291.07. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to approve the Resolution for the 2011 Rifle Purchase, and forward it to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

2011 Emergency Management Budget. Emergency Management Director Galloway presented his 2011 budget proposal to the committee. The 2011 revenue proposal was for \$88,170.01. The 2011 expense proposal including wages and benefits was \$129,948.16. Director Galloway did reduce his operating expense, not including wages and benefits, by 5% as directed by the Finance Committee. A motion was made Jack Harrison, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the 2011 Emergency Management Budget as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

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

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

Equipment Purchases "Sheriff." None.

Equipment Purchases "Jail." Jail Administrator Evenson requested permission to purchase a notebook computer, from Lenovo USA, for a total of \$1,189.98. The notebook would be purchased from the Jail equipment line. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Emil Bakka to approve the request, and forward it to the Public Property Committee for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Jail Administrator Evenson requested permission to purchase 58 bunk ladders, from Bob Barker Company, for a total cost of \$4,115.10. The bunk ladders would be purchased from the Jail equipment line. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Emil Bakka to approve the request, and forward it to the Public Property Committee for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed the department budget.

Letters and Communications. No discussion.

Approval of bills. A motion was made by Jack Harrison, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the bills. All voting aye. Carried.

Future Meeting Date. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Tuesday, October 5, 2010, at 12:30 p.m.**, in the Justice Center Conference room.

Adjournment. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m. All voting aye. Carried.

Submitted by:

Carol A. Krebs, Confidential Secretary