

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
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NOVEMBER 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, November 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, Alden Bauman, Jack Harrison, Edward Bluthardt, Emil Bakka, Stephen Favorite, Sigurd Hjermvick, Kathleen Rushlow, Maynard Bedish, Dennis Nielsen, Sheriff Niebuhr, Chief Deputy Fath, Captain Butler, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Martha Milanowski, Lieutenant Kennedy, Lieutenant Peske, Lieutenant Gardner, Detective Sergeant Tomlanovich, Detective Sergeant Schmidt, Anita Nimz, Margaret Favorite, Chris Kamps, Ken Anderson, and recorder Carol Krebs.

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

Approve Minutes. Emil Bakka made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/New Appointments. Sheriff Niebuhr advised the committee that Law Enforcement Clerk, Theresa Nycz has submitted a letter of resignation. She will be retiring after completing 15 years of service with the department. Her last day of employment will be January 6, 2011. Sheriff Niebuhr also advised the committee that Deputy Alexander Schramke resigned from his position, effective November 5, 2010.

Resolution – Hiring Two Full-time Law Enforcement Records Clerks due to Vacancies. The Resolution was approved at the County Board meeting on, November 9, 2010. No action was taken by the committee.

Resolution – Hiring One Detective Sergeant Due to a Vacancy. The Resolution was approved at the County Board meeting on, November 9, 2010. No action was taken by the committee.

Vacation carryover requests. Law Enforcement Clerk, Margaret Favorite requested permission to carryover five unused vacation days. If approved, the five days will be used by April 1, 2011. Motion by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve her vacation carryover request. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – 2011 County/Tribal Law Enforcement Grant. The Resolution was approved at the County Board meeting on, November 9, 2010. No action was taken by the committee.

2010-2011 Snowmobile Lease Agreement. Captain Butler requested permission to lease two 2011 Ski Doo snowmobiles from Track Side to be used by the Vilas County Sheriff's Department, for the lease term of December 1, 2010 through March 31, 2012. The annual lease rate will be \$1,650.00 per snowmobile, per season, for a total of \$3,300.00 for the two-year lease. A motion was made by Jack Harrison, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to approve the two-year snowmobile lease agreement with Track Side. All voting aye. Carried.

Line Item Transfer Request(s): The committee was asked to consider the following line item transfer requests:

Line item transfer requests - continued

a. 2010 Sheriff Budget:

Transfer \$2,000.00 from Deputy Salaries to Part-time Deputy Salaries; and Transfer \$30,000.00 from Deputy Salaries to Overtime; and Transfer \$4,000.00 from Radio to Telephone; and Transfer \$516.00 from Teletype to Telephone; and Transfer \$2,000.00 from Equipment to Testing and Promotions.

b. 2010 Jail Budget: None.

c. 2010 Emergency Management Budget: None.

A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jack Harrison to approve the line item transfer requests as listed above, and forward them to the Finance Committee for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

2011 Emergency Management Report. Emergency Management Director Galloway reported on the activities of his department, including an update on the recent storm damage.

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

Equipment Purchases "Sheriff." Captain Butler asked the committee for permission to purchase the following equipment:

1. Three squad video camera systems, from Tactical Solutions, for \$12,975.00; and
2. Two radar units, from Decatur Electronics, for \$3,945.00; and
3. 28 Goodyear Tires, from the Car Shop, for \$3,724.00.

All of the purchases will be paid from the auto expense line. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Emil Bakka to approve the purchase orders listed above. All voting aye. Carried.

Equipment Purchases "Jail." None.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed the department budget. A motion was made by Jack Harrison, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to approve the budget report. All voting aye. Carried.

Letters and Communications. Chair Robert Egan, after reviewing the 2010 Annual Jail Inspection Report, authored a letter to Jail Administrator, Timothy Evenson and his staff, thanking them for the outstanding job they all do and their commitment to excellence.

Chair Robert Egan, also authored a letter to Kathleen Rushlow and the food service staff, thanking them for the outstanding job they do and their commitment to excellence. The State of Wisconsin, Department of Corrections, Detention Facilities Specialist, Denise Ellis wrote in the 2010 Annual Jail Inspection Report "The kitchen continues to provide nutritiously sound meals and remains in exceptional sanitary condition."

Chair Robert Egan, authored a letter Sheriff Niebuhr, thanking him for allowing Detective Sergeant, Patrick Schmidt to attend the Grow North Regional Development Corporation meeting, as the guest speaker. Mr. Egan stated Detective Sergeant Schmidt is a true professional and a terrific spokesperson.

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

Future Meeting Date. The next meeting is scheduled for: **Friday, December 10, 2010, at 9:30 a.m.**, in the Justice Center Conference room. Meeting date and time was confirmed.

Recognize “Sheriff John Niebuhr” for his 37 years of service to Vilas County. The committee members and special guests recognized Sheriff Niebuhr, for his 37 years of service to Vilas County. Sheriff Niebuhr will retire, on January 2, 2011, after completion of his 16th year as the Vilas County Sheriff.



Chair Robert Egan, presented Sheriff Niebuhr with a “Certificate of Commendation” issued by Wisconsin Governor, Jim Doyle.



Vilas County Second Vice-Chairperson, Alden Bauman (on the left), and Vilas County Vice-Chairperson, Stephen Favorite (on the right), congratulate Sheriff Niebuhr on his retirement.



Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Submitted by:
Carol A. Krebs, Confidential Secretary