

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Vice Chair Alden Bauman called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 9, 2012, in the Justice Center Conference Room, at the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present. The following persons were present: Alden Bauman, Edward Bluthardt, Sigurd Hjemvick, Mary Platner, Sheriff Tomlanovich, Chief Deputy Fath, Lieutenant Peske, Jail Administrator Evenson, Martha Milanowski, Gina Egan, Sue Ackland, Joe VanDeLarrschot, and recorder Carol Krebs.

Approve agenda. Sigurd Hjemvick made a motion to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

Approve Minutes. Edward Bluthardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Sigurd Hjemvick. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/ New Appointments. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that Chad Rosinski has been hired to fill the limited term Correctional Officer position, effective January 23, 2012. He also advised the committee that Peter Lovas has been hired to fill a part-time Correctional Officer position, effective January 24, 2012. The two new employees' will be attending the Basic Jail Officer Training, January 30, 2012 through February 24, 2012. The academy is being held here in Vilas County.

Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that Joy Spies has been hired to fill the full-time Law Enforcement Clerk vacancy. Her first day of employment will be February 15, 2012.

Proposed Animal Control Ordinance. Mary Platner, Martha Milanowski, Gina Egan, and Sue Ackland were present to discuss a proposed animal control ordinance with the committee. The committee reviewed the proposed animal control ordinance document. Mary Platner gave an overview of the animal control ordinance. She provided animal control statistics for the committee to review. The statistics were broken down by township. Mary Platner talked about licensing. She felt Vilas County was lacking in a policy and procedure to ensure all dogs are licensed and vaccinated. Gina Egan talked about educating the public on the licensing requirement, and she discussed some provisions or ideas to make licensing easier for the general public. Martha Milanowski talked about the forfeiture provision for violations of the proposed ordinance. This ordinance has been discussed at length with members of the Health Department and Sheriff's Office. The Public Health Committee discussed the ordinance at their last committee meeting, and recommended some wording changes. Martha Milanowski advised that her office would re-type the draft ordinance with the proposed changes and bring the ordinance back to the committee for further review.

Agenda Format and Department Oversight Activities. In a memorandum authored by County Clerk David Alleman, dated February 1, 2012, each committee was asked to place this item on the February 2012 meeting agenda for discussion. The Executive, Ethics, & Insurance Committee, along with the Legislative & Judicial Committee would like to know from Department Heads and their oversight committee what methods and strategies they would recommend, to streamline committee agendas and committee oversight activities of their respective departments.

Sheriff Tomlanovich began the discussion by saying the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management committee really doesn't micro manage our department. He felt our meetings were very streamline, and they are kept to a minimum amount of time. He stated, you could streamline the committee's by combining the Law Enforcement, Emergency Management, and Communications Committee meetings.

The committee discussed the payment of bills. Sigurd Hjemvick said bills should be paid, not approved. Department heads should operate within their approved budgets. However, if we receive a bill, that may be out of the ordinary, it should be brought to the attention of the oversight committee. Edward Bluthardt disagreed with idea of not approving the bills. He said if you eliminate everything the committee does now, what would be left for the committee to do.

Martha Milanowski said one of the items she proposed to her committee, the Legislative & Judicial Committee, was to eliminate approval of in state training requests, and leave that item up to the Department Head.

Jail Administrator Timothy Evenson advised that the current requirement to obtain approval for purchases, from multiple committees, is problematic and time consuming. He feels approval by the oversight committee should be sufficient.

Martha Milanowski advised the Public Property Committee is working on the development of a comprehensive purchasing policy, where by purchases would be made according to the policy, and not require authorization from the oversight committee.

Emergency Management Report. Emergency Management Director Galloway was not present, and excused.

Communication Project Update. Lieutenant Peske advised the committee that he was still working on finalizing the Fire and EMS radio system simulcast project. As of today, he still doesn't have the final cost figures. He did advise the committee that the March meeting would be a joint meeting with the Communications Committee, to go over the final figures, so that a joint Resolution can be presented to the full County Board for their consideration.

Equipment Purchases – Sheriff Budget. No discussion.

Equipment Purchases – Jail Budget. No discussion.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed the budget report.

Letters and Communications. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee about a problem the department is experiencing with a valve stem failure, on the Dodge Chargers. The valve stems include a tire pressure sensor that has been failing, and this failure results in a flat tire. So far, there doesn't seem to be any type of recall on these valve stems. Our Lieutenant, Jeff Schaub is working with Dodge to find a solution for this problem. The cost to replace just one valve stem and sensor is \$71.00. The Sheriff advised that we're looking at a substantial cost to have them all replaced.

Sigurd Hjemvick asked if the road patrol and snowmobile patrol could be advised that snowmobiles are operating on the 3 Bears sled dog trails in Land O' Lakes, and this is problematic for the trail system. Snowmobiles are not prohibited on the sled dog trail system, and any assistance with this would be appreciated.

Approval of Bills. A motion was made by Edward Bluthardt, and seconded by Sigurd Hjemvick to approve the bills. All voting aye. Carried.

Future Meeting Date. The next committee meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, March 8, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in the Justice Center Conference room. Meeting date and time were confirmed.

Adjournment. Motion by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Edward Bluthardt to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krebs, Confidential Secretary