

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
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JUNE 14, 2012

Chair Mark Rogacki called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, June 14, 2012, in the Justice Center Conference Room, at the Vilas County Sheriff's Office, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present. The following persons were present: Mark Rogacki, Alden Bauman, Jim Behling, Sig Hjemvick, Christopher Mayer, Sheriff Tomlanovich, Jail Administrator Weiss, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Lieutenant Soltow, Ken Anderson, Ben Gauger, and recorder Carol Krebs.

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

Approve Minutes. Chris Mayer made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2012 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/ New Appointments. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee; William Weiss has been promoted to Jail Administrator. Mr. Weiss was introduced to the committee member's, and he gave a brief synopsis of his background in Corrections. There were no resignations to report.

Closed Session: At 10:04 a.m., Jim Behling made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The motion was seconded by Christopher Mayer. A roll call vote found the following member's voting aye: Mark Rogacki, Alden Bauman, Jim Behling, Sig Hjemvick, and Christopher Mayer. Carried.

Adjournment of the closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), and return to open session. At 10:17 a.m., Alden Bauman made a motion to adjourn the closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c), and return to open session. Motion was seconded by Sig Hjemvick. A roll call vote found the following member's voting aye: Mark Rogacki, Alden Bauman, Jim Behling, Sig Hjemvick, and Christopher Mayer. Carried.

Committee may take action on matters disclosed in closed session. Based upon Sheriff Tomlanovich's recommendation to the committee; a motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Sig Hjemvick to support the Sheriffs' request to fund the employee's lost pension benefits, for the time period when the employee was on military leave. Further, this request may be funded from the 2012 budget, provided funds are available in the WRS expense line. If funds are not available in 2012 budget, the request would be funded in the 2013 budget. This recommendation and support by this committee will be forwarded to the Personnel Committee for their consideration. Mark Rogacki, Alden Bauman, Sig Hjemvick, and Christopher Mayer voting aye; Jim Behling voting no; motion carried.

NORDEG Drug Task Force Recovery Grant Position. Sheriff Tomlanovich discussed the grant program, known as the Drug Task Force Recovery Grant position. The grant funding began on January 1, 2010, and runs through December 31, 2012. This federal grant has funded a Deputy Sheriff position for the past 2-1/2 years. We currently have a deputy assigned to the drug task force who is working drug investigations. From the 3rd quarter of 2010 to the first quarter of this year, this officer has had a total of 271 drug investigations, of which he has worked exclusively on 189. Of those cases, 93 were prescription diversion cases, which account for 49% of his workload. During this same time frame, there have been 110 arrests made involving these drug investigations. Sheriff Tomlanovich explained to the committee the statistics show that Vilas County has need for this position, and he would like to retain this position upon expiration of the grant program. Sheriff Tomlanovich stated he would like to continue to maintain the current staffing level, upon expiration of the grant. He asked the committee for guidance on how we could retain this valuable position. He explained there would be no increase in operating expense in retaining the position, however there would be a reduction in revenue without the grant funding. The committee was concerned that funding would be an issue. Alden Bauman advised he would talk with the grant writers in Lac du Flambeau, and maybe they could find a program or some alternate source of funding to continue the position. Jim Behling felt the first step should be to forward a job description to the Personnel Committee for their approval, and after that it could be forwarded to the full County Board for their consideration. Sig Hjenvick stated that we provide a service to our constituents. In trying to provide that service and work within a budget is very difficult. He also stated that a large amount of criminal activity, in Vilas County, centers around drug trafficking. Again, Jim Behling advised that the first step in the procedure would be to provide a job description to the Personnel Committee.

Uniform Replacement – Deputy Dustin Pace. Deputy Sheriff Dustin Pace requested reimbursement for equipment damages he sustained during an arrest. The replacement cost of the equipment is \$69.60. The committee discussed the provision in the Union Contract that states the committee has to approve the replacement or repair of any lost or damaged equipment in the line of duty. The committee recommended an amendment of this provision be forwarded to the Personnel Committee for their review and consideration. The committee's recommendation was that a request for repair or replacement of any lost or damaged equipment should be approved by the Sheriff or his/her designee. Motion was made by Christopher Mayer, and seconded by Sig Hjenvick to approve the equipment replacement for Deputy Pace, in the amount of \$69.60. All voting aye. Carried.

December 1, 2012 – March 31, 2014 Snowmobile Lease – Track Side. The committee was asked to approve a two-year snowmobile lease agreement with Track Side of Eagle River, for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 snowmobile season. The annual lease agreement for two snowmobiles is \$3,700.00. A portion each year is reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin through the annual snowmobile grant. The percentage varies each year, based upon the number of agencies participating in the grant. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Jim Behling to approve the two year snowmobile lease agreement, with Track Side, subject to approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

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Emergency Management Report. Emergency Management Director Galloway updated the committee on the activities of his department. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Sig Hjemvick to approve the Emergency Management report as presented. All voting aye. Carried.

Equipment Purchases – Sheriff Budget. No discussion.

Equipment Purchases – Jail Budget. No discussion.

Review Budget. The committee reviewed and accepted the budget report as presented.

Letters and Communications. No discussion.

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

Future Meeting Date. The next committee meeting is scheduled for: Thursday, July 12, 2012, at 10:00 a.m., in the Justice Center Conference room. **The meeting date was changed to: Friday, July 13, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.**

Adjournment. Motion by Alden Bauman to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Carol Krebs, Confidential Secretary