

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**
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AUGUST 9, 2012

Chair Mark Rogacki called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, August 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: Mark Rogacki, Alden Bauman, Jim Behling, Sigurd Hjemvick, Christopher Mayer, Sheriff Tomlanovich, Captain Kennedy, Jail Administrator Weiss, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Lieutenant Kane, Lieutenant Soltow, Steven Beil, Michael Sievert, Dennis Kocken, Gregg Haney, Ken Anderson, and recorder Joy Spies.

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

Approve Minutes. Alden Bauman made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2012 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Christopher Mayer. All voting aye. Carried.

Resignations/ New Appointments. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that part-time Correctional Officer, Sherri Congleton resigned her position, effective July 31, 2012, to accept a full-time position at the Oneida County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that James Wiza has been hired to fill the part-time Correctional Officer vacancy. His first day of employment will be Monday, August 13, 2012.

Presentation by: Wisconsin Lock and Load. Mr. Gregg Haney, CEO and Founder of Wisconsin Lock and Load Prisoner Transports, LLC., and Mr. Dennis Kocken, Account Manager were present to provide information to the committee on contracting for prisoner transports. Sheriff Tomlanovich gave a brief overview of costs the department is continually faced with due to the number and volume of prisoner transports. The primary expenditure comes from officer overtime. Coordination of the transports each and every week are also burdensome and time consuming for Lieutenant Troy Kane. These transports are for commitments of juveniles and adults, and they are all over the state from one end to the other. Wisconsin Lock and Load Prisoner Transports, LLC., is the company that Mr. Haney started in early 2006, to assist agencies with their transports and the costs associated with them. Mr. Haney has previously worked 27 years at the Brown County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Kocken, Account Manager with Wisconsin Lock and Load Prisoner Transports, LLC., was the former Sheriff of the Brown County Sheriff's Office, from 2003-2011. Mr. Kocken was the first Sheriff to outsource state prisoner transports, saving the constituents of his county millions of dollars.

Mr. Haney explained the purpose of contracting with his company. As an introductory offer to Vilas County, he has been transporting our prisoners for the cost of \$1.00 per mile. At the \$1.00 per mile rate, he is not making any profit, but he wanted to show his company is

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capable of handling our time sensitive transports effectively and efficiently. Mr. Haney advised that his company has worked for Vilas County for the past four years. He started out by handling our "out of state" extradition transports. Mr. Haney has received the counties current transportation figures from Lieutenant Kane. He advised that the counties 2012 costs for transport will be somewhere between \$114,000.00 and \$121,000.00. Mr. Haney states that he can provide an annual contract to Vilas County for approximately \$85,000.00, which would represent a 30% reduction in our current transport costs. Not only is it a reduction in costs, but it will also eliminate Lieutenant Kane's scheduling time.

Mr. Kocken stated that from a Sheriff's standpoint, transports were costing Brown County taxpayers hundreds and thousands of dollars. Mr. Kocken explained he feels the constituents are better served, when the deputies are in the county, investigating crime, rather out of the county on prisoner transports.

Mr. Haney explained to the committee that he would prefer a three to five year contract with the County, and he would guarantee not more than a 3% increase from one year to the next, regardless of how many transports he performs. He also explained that he has not raised his annual fees, as he working to obtain more contracts with counties, to even provide a more efficient low cost service.

Captain Kennedy advised the committee that he scheduled transports, prior to Lieutenant Kane's promotion, and whenever he scheduled a transport with Wisconsin Lock and Load, he knew they would handle it in an effective and efficient manner, and he wouldn't have to be concerned about anything once he scheduled it with them.

Lieutenant Kane explained his experience with the company, and their efficiency in scheduling and completing the transport.

Mr. Haney explained to the committee that the more counties that contract with his company, the more efficient and cost saving he becomes. He stated the Sheriff's and County Board Supervisors are his best advocates, and we would never hear anything negative from any of the counties he contracts with.

Sheriff Tomlanovich indicated he would like the committee to consider a negotiated contract with Wisconsin Lock and Load, to be included in the 2013 budget proposal.

Chair Rogacki stated the committee will meet again on September 7, 2012, to review the 2013 budget proposal, and they could consider a proposal at that time, however the agenda today doesn't allow for any action by the committee, as it was simply stated as a presentation at this time.

Christopher Mayer stated that to sell this, I think it's is a win win situation, but the Sheriff will have to tell this County Board how this is going to save us money, and where the savings is going to come from.

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2013 Sheriff, Jail, and Emergency Management Budget Discussion. a). 2013 Jail Maintenance/Painting – 2013 Capital Project. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that we received a copy of an email that Maintenance Supervisor, Gary Kuckenbrod received from the Finance Director, Jason Hilger, advising him that the jail maintenance painting project should be a capital outlay, within the jail's budget for 2013. Sheriff Tomlanovich stated that we are looking for guidance from the committee, as we've been asked to maintain a zero percent increase in our budget for 2013. This painting project would increase the 2013 Jail budget by \$100,000.00 in 2013, and an additional \$100,000.00 in 2014. He also is concerned about this project being a "Jail" project, when other construction and repair projects within the County have always come under the maintenance budget and supervision.

Alden Bauman asked about the tile project, and where we are with it. Jail Administrator, William Weis stated he thought the County was preparing an R.F.P., and was going to seek bids for the project.

Christopher Mayer asked if there was an option to just remove the tile. He asked if the floor was concrete under the tile. James Behling stated there is concrete under the tile, and if it hadn't been tiled in the first place, a concrete floor would have been the way he would have designed it. Mr. Behling also indicated the removal of the tile, would probably be cost prohibitive, as compared to just replacing the damaged tile. Mr. Behling advised that we do have tile available, and there will be a substantial labor cost to replace the broken tiles. He also feels with the replacement done properly, we would be looking at a lifetime floor.

Chair Rogacki stated the question before the committee today is, we've been requested to maintain a zero percent increase in our expense budget for 2013, and now we been asked to add \$100,000.00, for maintaining and painting the facility. How do we accomplish this task. James Behling stated it doesn't matter which budget this cost becomes a part of, it's still going to increase one of the budgets, and we have to find a mechanism to pay for it. So is it appropriate to add this to the budget of the department that uses about 50% of our levied dollars, or is it appropriate to add it to the department budget that uses two or three percent of our levied dollars, I don't know the answer to that either. James Behling simply stated it doesn't matter which budget it comes out of, as it's still levied dollars.

Christopher Mayer made a motion for the Sheriff to ask the Financial Manager to create a maintenance budget expense line, within the Jail budget, for purposes of maintaining and repairing the facility. Motion was seconded by Alden Bauman. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution Authorization for Sheriff to Purchase New Squad Vehicles in 2013. Sheriff Tomlanovich presented the Resolution to authorize him to purchase new squad vehicles in 2013. Sheriff Tomlanovich indicated the need to purchase six new vehicles in 2013. The proposal is for three 2013 Dodge Chargers and three 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe's, for a total cost of \$160,041.00. The vehicles will all be purchased from Ewald Automotive Group under the current State of Wisconsin bid contract. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that we are looking into a propane conversion for some of our current vehicles along with the new Chevrolet Tahoe's. Sheriff Tomlanovich explained the cost to convert a vehicle to propane is approximately \$5,000.00, but the fuel cost savings is significant. Currently the cost for propane is between \$1.00 and \$1.20 per gallon. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised Lt. Schaub

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anticipates the total fuel cost savings, during the life of a vehicle, to be over \$10,000.00 per vehicle.

Christopher Mayer asked about the \$5,000.00 cost to convert the vehicles to propane. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised that we are looking into grant funds to cover those costs, and we do have a commitment from a propane company to provide us with two conversions free of charge. A motion was made by Alden Bauman, and seconded by Christopher Mayer to approve the Resolution Authorization for Sheriff to Purchase New Squad Vehicles in 2013 and forward the same to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution – 2013 Deputy Sheriff – Dangerous Drug Investigation Position. Sheriff Tomlanovich presented the Resolution – 2013 Deputy Sheriff – Dangerous Drug Investigation Position. Sheriff Tomlanovich advised the committee that this is the position that is currently being funded by the Office of Justice Assistance, known as the Drug Task Force Recovery Grant. This grant was received for a 3-year period, and the grant funding will end on December 31, 2012. Sheriff Tomlanovich reviewed the drug arrest and statistical reports that were mailed to the committee member's.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Alden Bauman to approve the Resolution – 2013 Deputy Sheriff – Dangerous Drug Investigation Position and forward the same to the County Board for their consideration. Chair Rogacki called for a second, no one seconded the motion. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Communications Towers – Maintenance Issues. Lt. Soltow discussed a recent maintenance issue with the Weber tower. Sonic Net was there inspecting some of their equipment located within the shelter, and discovered the air conditioning unit had failed. The interior temperature, inside the shelter, had reached 108 degrees. Lt. Soltow called the emergency contact number with Tempstar to service the air conditioning unit. The service technical advised me the air filter was completely plugged. I did make contact with our maintenance department and was advised that they currently change out the filters one time per year. Tempstar advised me that these particular filters should be changed out at least four times per year. James Behling advised the committee in this case, our maintenance department has been responsible for the upkeep of the tower shelters, and they've been responsible for keeping the tower sites accessible, cutting the grass, and they have the responsibility for changing filters. Mr. Behling advised the committee that he would take care of this matter, and address this situation with the Public Property Committee.

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

Resolution Funds and Budget Amendment – Emergency Management Budget. Emergency Management Director Galloway presented the Resolution for a Fund and Budget Amendment. The purpose of this Resolution is to acknowledge the receipt of the Interoperable Grant funding, in the amount of \$59,820.00, from the Office of Justice Assistance. A motion was made by Sigurd Hjermvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the Resolution Funds and Budget Amendment, and forward the same to the County Board for their consideration. All voting aye. Carried.

Approve the Lease Purchase for the Replacement 911 Communications Center Digital Recording System – Resolution 2011-89. Lt. Soltow presented the lease purchase for the replacement 911 Communications Center digital recording system – Resolution 2011-89. Lt. Soltow explained that Resolution 2011-89 was approved to lease a new digital recording system in 2012, for a five-year period, with annual payments of \$13,000.00, for a total cost to the County of \$65,000.00. The original lease proposal included storage of the digital media. I.T. Director, Chris Kamps determined it would be in our best interest to store our own digital media, and the County could save some money by doing this. The revised annual lease payment for the digital recorder will be \$9,363.00 from Word Systems, Inc., plus a onetime purchase of \$3,765.91 from Technology Management for the server to store the media, and a onetime purchase of \$1,382.13 from Dell for the licensing agreement. The total cost savings to the County, over the five-year lease period, by storing our own digital media, will be \$13,036.96. A motion was made by James Behling, and seconded by Christopher Mayer to approve the lease purchase of the replacement 911 Communication Center digital recording system, subject to the approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

Equipment Purchases – Sheriff Budget. Sheriff Tomlanovich asked the committee for permission to purchase a replacement DVM 500 Plus squad video camera, from Digital Ally, in the amount of \$4,130.00. A motion was made by Christopher Mayer, and seconded by James Behling to approve the squad video camera system, subject to the approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

Equipment Purchases – Jail Budget. Sheriff Tomlanovich asked the committee for permission to purchase two X26E Taser units with holsters for the Jail, from Taser, in the amount of \$1,653.95. A motion was made by Christopher Mayer, and seconded by Sigurd Hjemvick to approve the purchase of the two Tasers, subject to the approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

Sheriff Tomlanovich asked the committee for permission to purchase two workstations for the Master Control area of the Jail. The total cost of \$5,023.03 includes the new equipment, the labor to remove existing casework and countertops, as well as to receive, uncrate, inspect, deliver, and install the new furniture as per the project quote #42012RS from The Samuels Group, Inc. A motion was made by Sigurd Hjemvick, and seconded by Alden Bauman to approve the new workstations in the Master Control area, subject to the approval of the Public Property Committee. All voting aye. Carried.

Letters and Communications. No discussion.

Review 2012 Budget. The committee reviewed the budget report.

Future Meeting Date. The next meeting was changed to: **Friday, September 7, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.**

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Recorded by: Joy Spies, Law Enforcement Clerk
Transcribed and Submitted by: Carol Krebs, Confidential Secretary