

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JANUARY 9, 2014**

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Chair Edward Bluthardt called to order the regular meeting of the Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, January 9, 2014, in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

**Present.** The following persons were present: Edward Bluthardt, Ronald DeBruyne, Charles Rayala, Christopher Mayer, Sheriff Fath, Chief Deputy Collins, Jail Administrator Weiss, Finance Director Hilger, Joe Van De Laarschot, Ken Anderson, and recorder Carol Krebs. Not present and excused was James Behling.

**Approve the agenda.** Charles Rayala made a motion to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Motion was seconded by Ronald DeBruyne. All voting aye. Carried.

**Approve the minutes.** Ronald DeBruyne made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013, and December 13, 2013 committee meetings. Motion was seconded by Charles Rayala. All voting aye. Carried.

**Resignations/New Appointments.** Sheriff Fath advised the committee Nancy Sippl has been re-hired to fill a full-time Correctional Officer position, effective January 9, 2014.

There were no resignations to report.

**Credit Cards.** Sheriff Fath advised the committee that he had reduced the credit limits on all department credit cards to \$3,000.00, except for the Chief Deputy, Captain, and his credit card. They will remain at a \$5,000.00 limit. Chair Bluthardt asked the Finance Director, Jason Hilger if this change would satisfy the auditors concerns. Finance Director Hilger indicated he felt the changes made by Sheriff Fath were acceptable and would satisfy the auditors concerns.

**Emergency Management Report.** Emergency Management Director Galloway was not present. He did supply the committee with a written report on the activities of his department.

**Equipment Purchases – Sheriff Budget.** None.

**Equipment Purchases – Jail Budget.** None.

**Overtime Report.** The committee reviewed the December 2013 overtime.

**Propane Conversion Project.** Sheriff Fath updated the committee on the propane project.

**Resolution – Propane Conversion Project Funding.** A motion was made by Christopher Mayer, and seconded by Charles Rayala to approve the Resolution to fund the Propane Conversion Project out of the 2014 General Fund, not to exceed \$124,400.00. All voting aye. Carried. This Resolution will be forwarded to the full County Board for their consideration, at the next meeting scheduled for January 28, 2014.

**Review 2013 budget.** The committee reviewed the 2013 budget documents.

**Letters and Communications.** Sheriff Fath discussed the possibility of additional compensation for employee's involved in Field Training of new officer's. He will work with the Personnel Committee to implement this program.

Charles Rayala shared some thoughts and concerns he had with the replacement of the Sheriff's evidence garage.

Ronald DeBruyne shared his concern with the inability of the Highway Department to communicate either via radio or cellular telephone in certain areas of the County. Sheriff Fath advised the simulcast project has not been completed yet, and he indicated Emergency Management Director Galloway has some ideas to improve communications for the Highway Department.

**Future meeting date is scheduled for:** Monday, February 10, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting date was confirmed.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Recorded by: Carol Krebs, Confidential Secretary