

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
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SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Chairman Jerry Burkett called to order the meeting of the Vilas County Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee at 1:00 p.m., on Monday, September 15, 2014, in Conference Room #2, at the Vilas County Courthouse, in Eagle River, Wisconsin.

Present. The following persons were present: Jerry Burkett, Edward Bluthardt, Mary Kim Black, Art Kunde, Ken Anderson, Sheriff Fath, Captain Gardner, Jail Administrator Weiss, Coroner Tirpe, Emergency Management Director Galloway, Lt. Soltow, HR Manager Bohn, Finance Manager Hilger, Brian Jopek, and recorder Carol Krebs. Not present and excused was Mark Rogacki.

Approve the agenda. Mary Kim Black made a motion to approve the agenda to be discussed in any order by the Chair. Motion was seconded by Art Kunde. All voting aye. Carried.

Public Comment. None.

Approve the minutes. Mary Kim Black made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

Edward Bluthardt made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 committee meeting. Motion was seconded by Art Kunde. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution: FY2015 Reinstating One Full-time Law Enforcement Clerk from One Part-time Law Enforcement Clerk. Edward Bluthardt made a motion to approve Resolution FY2015 Reinstating One Full-time Law Enforcement Clerk from One Part-time Law Enforcement Clerk, and forward the same to the full County Board for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Mary Kim Black. All voting aye. Carried.

Resolution: FY2015 Fleet Vehicle Purchase. Edward Bluthardt made a motion to approve the Resolution FY2015 Fleet Vehicle Purchase, and forward the same to the full County Board for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Art Kunde. All voting aye. Carried.

Update Wisconsin Lock and Load Prisoner Transports, LLC Contract. Sheriff Fath advised the committee that Human Resources is going to advertise for part-time deputies to do transports. If there is an adequate response to the advertisement and the County can hire part-time deputies to fulfill our transport obligations, the County may forego the contract with Wisconsin Lock and Load Prisoner Transports, LLC for 2015. The Sheriff said we may not have a definite answer for awhile. Chairman Burkett asked that this item be placed on the next meeting agenda to update to the committee on the status.

Review and approve the FY2015 Sheriff and Jail budgets. Art Kunde made a motion to approve the FY2015 Jail budget including the outlay request, and forward the same to the Finance Committee for their consideration. Motion was seconded by Edward Bluthardt. All voting aye. Carried.

The FY2015 Sheriff budget was not approved at this time due to some clarification of items in the Sheriff Capital Equipment expense line. This item will be placed on a future agenda.

Equipment Purchases – Sheriff’s Budget. No discussion.

Equipment Purchases – Jail Budget. No discussion.

Review the 2014 budget. The committee reviewed the 2014 budget.

Letters and Communications. Sheriff Fath shared a newspaper article he received from a town of Phelps resident entitled “Report: ATV crash deaths rising on public roadways”. This individual expressed his concern, to the Sheriff, on the safety of ATV’s operating on CTH A.

Sheriff Fath advised the committee of two Emergency Response Team call outs. The first one occurred on August 9, 2014, when we were asked to assist Florence County. The second was on September 6, 2014, when a sighting of a wanted felon was reported. It was later determined, after contact was made with the suspect, he was not wanted person.

Coroner Paul Tirpe asked the committee for permission to be placed on a future meeting agenda. Specifically he would like to ask that his oversight committee be changed from the Finance Committee to the Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee. Mr. Tirpe stated he is a sworn peace officer and feels the Law Enforcement & Emergency Management Committee would be a better fit for the Coroner’s Office. Chairman Burkett advised Mr. Tirpe that his request could certainly be added to a future agenda. However Chairman Burkett is not sure if this committee can authorize a change. He indicated it may have to be brought before the Legislative and Judicial Committee.

Future meeting date is scheduled for: The next meeting is scheduled for: Monday, October 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment. Motion by Mary Kim Black and seconded by Art Kunde to adjourn. All voting aye. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Recorded by: Carol Krebs, Confidential Secretary