

Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee Meeting  
March 7, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.  
County Board Room

Present: Donna Williamson, Jerry Teague, Norm Couture, Ken Wheeler, Gary Kabasa  
(excused at 9:47 a.m.)

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Heather Schutte, Mick Brennan, Terry  
Schemenauer, Mark Miller

Donna Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Gary Kabasa to approve the February 7, 2017 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mick Brennan handed out the Sheriff's report for review and discussion. At present there are 64 inmates, 19 on monitor and 8 boarded out. They have hired a new part-time correctional officer and patrol still has a vacant position for a part-time officer, dispatch is fully staffed at this time. Several employees have gone thru different types of required training this past month. Mick stated that they are having issues with inmates with mental health issues as they are not equipped to handle them. There was an incident at the Jail on March 4, 2017 with 22 inmates causing issues. Six (6) officers originally went in after certain "blocks" refused to go back into their cells, there was a fight in D "block", they ended up calling in for back-up officers and ended up with 26 law enforcement officers responding and at that time the Jail was secured in approximately 1 hour. At this time Mick is looking at boarding out all female prisoners in order to make more room in the jail. Discussion followed.

Terry Schemenauer proceeded to give the CJC report at this time. Terry stated that he is closing the Ashland Recycling project as of March 10, 2017 as there is no more money for this project. Terry also talked about a new grant that is out and would be a joint grant with Ashland, Bayfield and Sawyer Counties and also Northlakes Health Clinic will be assisting with the grant writing. Motion by Ken Wheeler to approve the Resolution and to forward it to the full Board for action. Second by Jerry Teague. Motion carried.

The 2017 work plan for Maintenance will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Jeff Beirl informed the Committee that at the February 23, 2017 Finance and Economic Development Committee meeting a motion was made, seconded and passed to move the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program forward provided that the 12.5% match come from the homeowner or other sources other than the County, and that there is to be no direct cost to the County. Motion by Norm Couture, second by Ken Wheeler to approve and adopt the same motion regarding the Hazardous Mitigation Grant Program as the Finance and Economic Development Committee and to move it to the full Board for action. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl informed that Committee that at the last Executive Committee meeting they identified 2 – 4 parcels of land that would work for the jail expansion and that the land owners would be contacted.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Jerry Teague, second by Donna Williamson to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for April 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room.

Donna Williamson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Lori Schmidt  
Administrative Assistant