

Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

April 4, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

County Board Room

Present: Donna Williamson, Norm Couture, Jerry Teague, Ken Wheeler

Excused: Gary Kabasa

Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Mick Brennan, Jim Hnath, Heather Schutte, Rick Korpela, George Mika, Kathy Schutte, Pat Daoust, Tom Waby, Terry Schemenauer, Terri Barningham, Martin Vitek

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

Motion by Jerry Teague to allow people to speak on topics as they come up on the agenda for an amount of time not to exceed 2 minutes. Second by Norm Couture. Motion carried.

Mick Brennan handed out the Sheriff's report for review and discussion (report is on file with the meeting minutes). At the present time, there are 60 inmates, 15 on monitor and 10 boarded out. Mick stated that a part-time dispatcher has resigned and they will be re-filling this position Brock Mrdjenovich has been hired to work on the Reservation and is currently doing field training. The new radios are being installed in squads; however, they are having some issues with them which Mick is hoping to get worked out, also the Dispatch is being upgraded at this time and this project seems to be going smoothly. They currently are equipping the new SUV and truck that were recently purchased. Mick stated that litigation is still ongoing – currently have 5 cases which are the Westmore case, 1 for unlawful incarceration and 3 charges on the Chris Bond incident. Discussion followed. Motion by Norm Couture, second by Ken Wheeler to approve the Sheriff's report as given. Motion carried.

Terry Schemenauer proceeded with the CJC report. Terry stated that Ashland Recycling is officially closed. Computer parts are at Chicago Iron waiting to be shipped out for recycling. The Drug Court currently has 20 participants and the TAD program has 10. Terry Schemenauer gave an overview of these 2 programs. Discussion followed regarding the growing problems with opioids and the use of narcan. Bad River has had 5 lives saved with narcan so far. Discussion followed.

Terri Barningham proceeded with the HHS report (on file with the meeting minutes). Terri stated that the main issue is the driveway at this time which the City continues to state that they will be fixing. Terri stated they there is just over 4 years remaining on the lease for this building. Terri proceeded with a review of the Crisis line at this time. Motion by Ken Wheeler, second by Jerry Teague to approve the HHS report as given. Motion carried.

Discussion followed regarding the Ice Angel. It is currently 14-15 years old. A copy of the MOU with the City of Ashland was sent out with the meeting agenda. Ashland County pays all of the bills for this piece of equipment for repairs/upkeep etc. and then bills for the rescue/recovery of individuals which is then billed to those rescued/or the recovered estate hoping to get reimbursement; however, lots of the rescues happen in Bayfield County. Jeff Beirl stated that a new MOU needs to be worked out with the City and perhaps Bayfield County to make it equal. The current MOU with the City will need to be terminated first (requires a 180 day written notification to the City) which will hopefully spur on new and more equal negotiations.

Jim Hnath stated that he recently received 3 bills from the City of Ashland – 1 for each of the rescues

and 1 for \$7,000 for other expenses to the equipment. Jim stated that they only have \$2,000 in the budget for this. There is a fundraiser planned for the Ice Angel which will hopefully help cover some of the repairs needed to it. Jim Hnath is in support of ending the current agreement with the City and starting over. Discussion followed.

Motion by Ken Wheeler to give written notice to the City regarding the termination of the MOU. Second by Donna Williamson. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Wheeler to have the County Administrator, Sheriff and Chief Deputy contact the parties (including Bayfield County) to work on a new MOU and to report back to this Committee at the next meeting. Second by Jerry Teague. Motion carried.

Discussion was held next regarding the Noise Ordinance that Ashland County recently passed. Supervisor Daoust asked for a change on behalf of the ABC Raceway. Supervisor Daoust stated that he did meet with the Racetrack and they are concerned that in its present state it could affect them. The change in the Ordinance reads on page 2, new section h – “Sanctioned races held at permanent racetrack facility licensed by a racing association”. The Racetrack stated that they have no problem with the new section added. Supervisor Schutte discussed the music festival that is to take place this summer. Supervisor Korpela stated that he lives next door to the Racetrack and that most of the time it is OK; however, he does not agree with the 2:00 a.m. time frame for being in violation with the Ordinance. Supervisor Vitek stated that he is in favor of the new addition to the Ordinance.

Motion by Jerry Teague to approve the amended Noise Ordinance and to move it forward to the full Board for action. Second by Norm Couture. Discussion followed. Supervisor Daoust will get in contact with the Racetrack requesting a letter from them stating that they have no intention of going past 2:00 a.m. Motion carried.

Jeff Beirl stated that regarding the Custodial work projects, he has recently asked Mark Miller to prioritize the list and give an estimate on the cost of each. This item will be placed on the May agenda.

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

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

Motion by Norm Couture to adjourn with a second by Jerry Teague. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant