

Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee  
July 24, 2023 at 5:00 pm  
County Board Room

Present: Laura Nagro, Ron Sztynodor, Brad Ray, Mike Starck

Absent: Laura Miranda

Others: Dan Grady, Lori Schmidt, David Dyer, Brian Zupke, Christina Dzwonkowski, Dick Pufall

Laura Nagro called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and roll call was taken. Motion by Mike Starck to approve the agenda with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Sztynodor. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Mike Starck to approve the April 24, 2023 meeting minutes as presented with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Sztynodor. Motion carried.

Review of quarterly financials: handouts were given to the Committee. Discussion followed. Laura Nagro would like to see a breakdown by Departments that this Committee oversees and to add Emergency Management to the report. Dan Grady stated that all in all we are doing pretty well.

Courthouse maintenance: David Dyer stated that things are going well and that there are no big issues. The exterior work on the building will not be happening until next year, David stated that he would like to seal all sidewalks due to damage from winters. Also, Sara Linafelter is retiring so we are in the process of looking for another part-time custodian. David would also like to silicone the window frames due to rain coming in. Dan Grady stated that he will be putting bids back out in early August for work next summer for the outside of the building.

Sheriff's report/Jail report: Sheriff Zupke stated that from April thru July there have been 71 arrests, 135 citations issued and 2,582 calls for service. On the Jail side there have been 209 bookings, 37 daily average inmates, 10 on monitor and 8 females boarded out due to staff shortage. They are currently using Taylor County for boarding out but will be switching to Vilas County. The Sheriff stated that they are short 4 deputies however, he will not be filling these as Bad River is requesting a new MOU and that they also need to become current on past billings – they are currently 1 year behind on payments. Discussion followed.

Emergency Management report: Christina Dzwonkowski stated that since she has started on June 26, 2023 she has completed the EPRA grant which is \$7,000 in HazMat equipment for the AFD and \$2,000 to Emergency Management for computer equipment. 3 other grants were due and submitted in the required time frame. She has attended many meetings since her hiring.

MATA update: Sheriff Zupke stated that he will be working with the new Jail Lieutenant once he gets on board and that they will also be working with Philomena Quebec on this.

Local Emergency Planning Board Appointments: Dan Grady and Christina Dzwonkowski stated that they have had some retirements on this board, Sheriff Brennan will be replaced by Sheriff Zupke but that 2 more people are needed. Discussion followed.

Joint Dispatch update: Dan Grady stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with the oversight board has taken place and that Ron Sztynodor is on that Committee as the Vice Chair. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of a grant is being worked on which they will be looking at replacing the Cody system with the money if received. They will be looking to hire a Department Head for this shortly as things are moving right along. Discussion followed.

Town of LaPointe update: a handout of DOR's decision regarding the request of a levy transfer from the Town was given to the Committee. The request was denied by the Department of Revenue.

Space needs study: Laura Nagro stated that HHS, and the Sheriffs Department both need additional working space and that perhaps we need to look at putting RFP's out and have every department looked at. Discussion followed.

Accept \$50,000 donation from MECA Wisconsin Police Canine Vest Foundation: Sheriff Zupke stated that they have been offered a \$50,000 donation for a K9 unit. Sheriff Zupke stated that this is something that he would like to see happen, however, the Department is not ready at this time to start a K9 unit. There is 1 deputy interested in being a handler for the K9. Discussion followed. This would be a drug sniffing and tracking dog – not a bite dog. Motion by Ron Sztynдор to accept the donation and to place it in an interest bearing account until needed for a K9 unit. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Starck. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 30, 2023 at 5:00 pm

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Lori Schmidt,  
Administrative Assistant