

Portage County Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes

7:00 a.m. on February 23, 2015

Portage County Law Enforcement Center – Training Room

Members Present: Chairman Dan Dobratz
Member Dale O'Brien
Member Bo DeDeker

Members Excused: Member Don Jankowski
Member James Zdroik

Others Present: Chief Deputy Daniel Kontos, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Captain Dale O'Kray, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Rocky Bolder, Juvenile Detention Superintendent
Lieutenant Steve Retzki, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Sergeant Dale Boettcher, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Karen Moran, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Joe Gemza, Assistant Chief, Stevens Point Fire Dept
Nathan Check, Portage County Highway Department
Jim Vitort

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dobratz at 7:00 a.m. Members Don Jankowski and James Zdroik were excused for this meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Brien/DeDeker to approve the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 21, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by O'Brien/DeDeker to approve the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Special Meeting Minutes dated February 11, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Voucher Reports, Purchasing Authorizations & Pre-Authorization Reports and Procurement Card Reports

Motion by DeDeker/O'Brien to place the vouchers on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management/EMS – Monthly Activity Report & Correspondence: None.

Sheriff's Office:

Jail Activities:

The following reports were provided in the packets:

- ▶ *Monthly Jail Report January 2015*

- ▶ *Home Detention Statistics for January 2015 (handed out at meeting)*
- ▶ *Daily Jail Report for February 23, 2015 (handed out at meeting)*

As of today, there are 65 adult inmates in house, 46 shipped inmates, ten on home detention program and six juveniles.

Two new Corrections Officers are in training—David Bloecher and Jessica Jozwiak.

Operations Activities:

Deputy Mark Smallwood started training this week. Patrol is now at full staff.

Administration Activities:

Final touches are being put on the Sheriff's Office's Capital Improvement Project requests. We are expecting to receive new squad cars soon. Kim Delikowski has been hired to fill the Law Enforcement Records Specialist vacancy.

Motion by O'Brien/DeDeker to place the reports on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Coroner's Office Activity Report: None.

Public Notice: Chairman Dobratz read the Public Notice. Jim Vitort was the only member of the public present. He requested to address the committee on excessive blockage of roads by the railroad.

DISCUSSION ONLY:

Request to Backfill Fleet Technician Position

Fleet Technician Todd Hornick resigned his position. Chief Deputy Kontos advised the committee of the request to backfill the position.

Justice Center Concept Update

Proposed concept will be discussed at the March 3, 2015, meeting of the Space and Properties Committee at 5:30 pm in Conference Room 1 and 2 of the Annex. It is hoped that committee can provide further direction.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION:

Resolution Amending the 2015 County Budget to Include a Full Time Home Detention Program Corrections Officer

Motion by O'Brien/DeDeker to approve resolution amending the 2015 county budget to include a full-time Home Detention program Corrections Officer. Motion carried unanimously.

Excessive Blockage of Roads by the Railroad

Jim Vitort who owns a farm west of Junction City spoke at length about issues he has encountered with the blockage of the driveway to his farm and other farms/homes in the area. He had a tractor fire at his farm and it took 3 ½ hours for the train to be moved that was blocking his driveway. On another occasion, an ambulance needed access to his farm and could not gain access due to a train blocking the driveway for 8 hours. He said the fines are too small and operators of the train refuse to split the trains and move them so vehicles can get through. He is very concerned about the fact the railroad seems to be hauling more oil cars now.

The Sheriff's Office is regularly issuing citations. Trains continue to block roads in the County for excessive amounts of time. It was determined that the railroad needs to get involved in discussions.

No action taken. Chairman Dobratz will discuss with County Board Chair Phil Idsvoog and County Executive Patty Dreier.

Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee is being rescheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at 7:00 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room.

Motion by O'Brien/DeDeker to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Karen M. Moran
Recording Secretary