

Portage County Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes

7:00 a.m. on March 26, 2014

Portage County Law Enforcement Center – Training Room

Members Present: Chairman Don Jankowski
Vice Chairman Dale O'Brien
Member James Zdroik
Member Bo DeDeker
Member Dan Dobratz

Others Present: Chief Deputy Daniel Kontos, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Captain Cory Nelson, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Richard Bolder, Juvenile Detention Superintendent
Carrie Mueller, Portage County Sheriff's Office
O. Philip Idsvoog, County Board Chair
Patty Dreier, County Executive
Matt Dykstra, Deputy Emergency Management Director
Brian Kowalski, Stevens Point Journal

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jankowski at 7:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by O'Brien/Dobratz to approve the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes dated February 26, 2014. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Chairman Jankowski stated there is a possible candidate for the position of Emergency Management Director. His name is Paul Baker and he will be here on April 1, 2014, from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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

Motion by Zdroik/DeDeker to show the vouchers as reviewed. Motion carried.

Emergency Management/EMS – Monthly Activity Report & Correspondence

Dykstra reiterated there is a candidate for the Emergency Management Director position. A public health exercise is scheduled for March 13, 2014. He is submitting a hazmat grant for new equipment. He attended the Governor's Conference in Appleton; there are changes in how we will have to code reimbursements for FEMA.

Sheriff's Office:

Jail Activities:

Captain Nelson reviewed the following reports:

- ▶ *Monthly Jail Report for February 2014*
- ▶ *Home Detention Statistics for February 2014*

During February 2014, the Jail was shipping almost 50 inmates per day; this is up from 37.9 inmates per day one year ago. Captain Nelson introduced new Corrections Officer Ryan Miller who started in the Jail on March 24, 2014.

As of today, there are 51 inmates in Waupaca. We are outpacing our shipping budget for 2014. We have openings for two more female corrections officers; there is an eligibility list being created.

Operations Activities:

Kontos advised the Sheriff, Captain of Operations and Communication Manager are doing an inspection of the simulcast radio system. Both dispatch and deputies are fully staffed (four employees are in training). Deputy White picked up our newest K-9 named Lady. We will be replacing the Peacekeeper vehicle with a Cayman MTV (multi-terrain vehicle). County Executive Dreier job shadowed with patrol on the road and in the Communications Center. She recommends other elected officials do the same.

Administration Activities:

Our Special Response Team received the Team of the Year award at a recent SRT/SWAT conference for their assistance down in the Waushara area. Chief Deputy Kontos advised the committee the Sheriff's Office has not yet received final budget numbers for 2013. The Sheriff's Office will be participating in "Cops Gone Wild" fundraiser for Special Olympics on April 5, 2014, at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Motion by Dobratz/DeDeker to place the reports on file. Motion carried.

Coroner's Office Activity Report: Chairman Jankowski stated he attended a "Learning is for Life" class at the University in which Coroner Scott Rifleman presented information on the Coroner's Office. He congratulated Rifleman on the presentation.

Public Notice

Chairman Jankowski read the Public Notice. No members of the public were present.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION:

Approval of IamResponding.com Subscription Renewal Agreement

This is a notification system used at the Sheriff's Office for specialty teams to know who is responding to a scene. This is just a notification the Sheriff's Office is renewing this agreement.

Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee's Recommendation to Space and Properties Committee of What Should Happen to Possible Jail Upgrades as Suggested at Previous Meeting. Possible Future Capital Improvements for the Current Jail.

Jankowski indicated this was presented to this committee at the last meeting and upgrades were estimated at \$10 million.

Motion by Zdroik/DeDeker to make the future of the jail a priority.

DISCUSSION:

Chair Idsvoog stated a discussion needs to be made to make improvements or continue shipping for a long-term period of time. If a new facility is suggested, it should be somewhere along the I-39/51 corridor.

Dreier stated only two options ship for the long run or build a new jail. Would like to see an outside cost analysis on long-term shipping versus build a new jail. She feels this is the last bit of homework to do. She agrees that we cannot delay this and has no reason to believe we couldn't have something together by the end of the year.

Kontos cautioned about looking at the jail in isolation. The courts have to be looked at also.

Motion carried. Chairman Jankowski will take this topic forward to Space and Properties.

2013 Sheriff's Annual Report

Chief Deputy Kontos pointed out the caseload of detectives. Things are changing; in the past 35% of their workload was burglaries and thefts; that is now being overtaken by child abuse of all types and almost 20% of their workload is computer forensics. The Court Services report is included in the annual report. A full presentation will be made at the County Board.

This topic will be placed on next month's agenda for further discussion.

Roll call vote to go into Closed Session; all ayes. Motion carried.

Enter into Closed Session pursuant to sec. 1985(1)(e) Stats. to discuss request for extended leave of absence.

Captain Nelson reviewed the request and recommended granting the extension. Motion by O'Brien/Dobratz to reconvene back into Open Session. Motion carried.

Reconvene in Open Session pursuant to sec. 19.85(2) Stats. for discussion or possible action on the above closed session item.

Motion by Zdroik/Dobratz to approve the requested extended leave of absence as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee is scheduled for April 30, 2014, at 7:00 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room. Motion by Dobratz/Zdroik to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Carrie Mueller
Recording Secretary