

Portage County Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes

7:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Portage County Law Enforcement Center – Training Room

Members Present: Chairman Dan Dobratz
Member Stan Potocki
Member James Zdroik
Member Dale O'Brien

Member Excused: Member Don Jankowski

Others Present: Sheriff Mike Lukas, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Chief Deputy Daniel Kontos, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Captain Dale O'Kray, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Rocky Bolder, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Karen Moran, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Clair Glisczynski, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Penny Oliver, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Michael Bettcher, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Kody Krieg, Portage County Sheriff's Office
Jami Gebert, Administrative Assistant
Joe Brandt, Emergency Management
Paul Riegel, Emergency Management
David Martin, Emergency Management
Lisa Coonen, Interim Deputy Corporation

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

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Potocki/O'Brien to approve the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee Meeting minutes of January 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence: None.

Vendor Invoice List Reports:

Motion by Potocki/O'Brien to place the January 2017 vendor invoice list reports for Ambulance, Emergency Management, Sheriff and Coroner on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management/EMS – Monthly Activity Report & Correspondence:

Introduction of two new employees by Joe Brandt.
Paul Riegel, Emergency Management Deputy Director
Dave Martin, EMS coordinator

Still planning to move forward to purchase a new Amherst Ambulance. Joe Brandt is working on strategies to save money by purchasing a different type of chassis through fleet purchasing while still meeting safety and patient care needs. The current Amherst Ambulance has been in need of more maintenance recently.

Joe will report more details as the purchase gets closer.

Committee Member O'Brien requested a quarterly report indicating the use, cost and condition of the Portage County Ambulance fleet. Joe will supply quarterly report in the next meeting.

Motion by O'Brien/Zdroik to put Emergency Management EMS Report on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Office:

Jail Activities

The following report was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

- ▶ *Monthly Jail Report January 2017*
- ▶ *Home Detention Program Statistics for January 2017*

Currently on schedule with Waupaca County, 35 inmates in Waupaca, 69 in Portage County Jail, 18 on Electronic Monitoring Program (EMP), 6 out of county and 8 in juvenile detention.

Currently completing background checks on three applicants for Corrections Officer vacancies.

Jail inspection was completed on February 8, 2017 – there were a few issues with plumbing. Juvenile Detention inspection on February 10, 2017 was good. Chairman Dobratz commented the Jail Inspection Report was exemplary.

Operations Activities

Kody Krieg began as a Communication Technician on 02/20/2017.

Michael Bettcher began as Communication Technician on 02/06/2017.

Both Communication Technicians were introduced during the meeting during discussion of 2016 Sheriff's Annual Report.

15 Deputies were interviewed – completing background investigations on six candidates

Discussion of difficulty keeping Communications Division staffed: difficulty of position, training, extensive overtime, opportunities elsewhere and FMLA were mentioned as reasons.

Administrative Activities

The Sheriff mentioned a high speed chase in which the individual slit his throat, the deputies on scene performed life-saving measures, and Life-Saving awards will be presented to several officers within the next month. They did an exemplary job.

Also mentioned, the Active Shooter Alarm that took place on Friday, February 17, 2017. There was an outstanding response from all agencies and Emergency Management. There will be de-briefing coming soon regarding what can be done better for future, similar, situations. There were some challenges with parents and communication on whereabouts of children.

Another Chapter 980 violent sexual offender will be released in the town of Alban. Another meeting will be scheduled at the Central Wisconsin Electric Coop regarding the release. This offender is from Chippewa County.

The Guns and Hoses fundraiser committee is requesting an umpire that is a county official for Saturday, August 26, 2017. Jim Zdroik volunteered to do so if his work schedule is clear. (Added after 2017 Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force Anti-Methamphetamine Grant)

Motion by Zdroik/Potocki to place the reports on file. Motion carried unanimously.

Coroner's Office Activity Report: No Report. Chairman Dobratz will request the Coroner meet with committee on a more regular basis.

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

DISCUSSION ONLY:

Resignation of Corrections Officer Danielle Dunn and Request for Backfill:

The following memo was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Copy of Backfill Request for Danielle Dunn*

Danielle Dunn left her position as a Corrections Officer with Portage County to go to Outagamie County due to increase pay and benefits. Corrections is currently two employees short staffed.

2016 Portage County Sheriff's Office Annual Report:

The following report was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Copy of the 2016 Portage County Sheriff's Office Annual Report*

The Sheriff communicated to the committee that there are significant deficiencies in staff for each division of the Sheriff's Office. The shortages are not only a safety issue for the staff but for the public. Sheriff Lukas will be bringing these concerns to the County Board in March 2017. Communications Division Overtime was \$140,000 over budget in 2016.

The new Electronic Monitoring Program position paid for itself in 2016. Some Huber inmates will also be getting the bracelets. Home detention pay up front and Huber inmates pay as they go. (Added after discussion of Classifying Corrections Officers)

K9 update- Yent had a minor injury to his leg and will be back in 2 to 3 weeks. (Added after discussion of Classifying Corrections Officers)

Classifying Corrections Officers as Protective Participants under the Wisconsin/Retirement System:

The following Draft of Legislation was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Preliminary Draft of State Legislation regarding Classifying Corrections Officers as Protective Participants*

The Sheriff is against legislation stating ***shall or may*** give Corrections Officers protective status. He stated it should only state ***shall***. Currently, the County can change Corrections Officers to protective status without this legislation.

Chief Deputy Kontos will bring numbers to the next meeting indicating the cost for changing Corrections Officers to protective status. Voting on the legislation at the state level should be in the next few months.

Chair Comments: Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County:

The following Resolution draft was distributed as part of the meeting packet:

► *Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for the Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County.*

Chairman Dobratz brought up the resolution for discussion and identified gaps in the resolution as well as the need for the villages and townships to be heard. Joe Brandt will work on finding a report that indicates EMS response times. No further action can be taken on this resolution due to litigation.

Chromebooks

As of the March 2017 Public Safety/Emergency Management Meeting, all documents will be sent to committee members electronically with use of the Chromebooks. Any committee members that are having problems with getting packets may request hard copies be sent. Committee members were encouraged to get more training before the next meeting.

DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION:

2017 Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force Anti-Methamphetamine Grant:

This is a grant to the Central Wisconsin Drug Task Force, which the Portage County Sheriff's Office is a participant. Through the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Program Grant, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) will provide reimbursement to each

participating County/Task Force/Agency for overtime and equipment expense associated with the development and investigation of narcotics cases that target the illicit activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine. The task force has been allotted \$20,000 per year for two years; second year allocations may be revised at the discretion of the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Monies for reimbursement are determined by the task force.

Motion by Potocki/O'Brien to approve grant. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety/Emergency Management Committee is Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 7:00 a.m. in the Law Enforcement Center Training Room.

Motion by Potocki/Zdroik to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Clair Glisczynski