

Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 8th, 2023

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: May 12th, 2023.

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

In person: Mike Taylor, Carol McDonough, John Sendelbach, Excused: John Hadley, Nathan Nelson.

Others present in person: Sheriff Mike Osmond, Lt Logan Olson, EM Lucas Teska, Deputy Jake, Laehn. Virtually: Deputy Sheyann Wieczorek, Communication/Corrections Officer Emily Walter, Danielle Schalinske

2: Public Comments: None

3: Review/Discussion/Action: Minutes of Previous Meeting:

John Sendelbach made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Carol McDonough. Carried.

4: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

5: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management Report:

Lucas Teska advised he has been busy with the flooding in the County. He did a 3-day training for Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program. He discussed how the server crashed and he is trying to get the badge system back up and running. Report was accepted.

6: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management current Expenditures:

Lucas Teska advised that there hasn't been anything major for spending. He asked Lee Engfer when the numbers would be in, and Lee advised the end of the week. Report was accepted.

7: Review/Discussion/Action: Law Enforcement Vouchers:

Sheriff Osmond asked if there were any questions for the Vouchers. There were no questions. Report was accepted.

8: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Law Enforcement Expenditures:

Sheriff Osmond advised that there was nothing out of the ordinary for spending. Report was accepted.

9: Review/Discussion/Action ~Jail Administrator Job Description:

Sheriff Osmond advised that if Logan’s job description gets passed the County would be obligated to pay into Logan’s retirement which is about \$4,000. By state statute the Sheriff can pick his deputies. Jake Laehn also stated that Logan has kept up with his certifications. This was tabled in the Human Resources meeting.

10: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Take Home Squad Policy:

It was discussed that it was passed during the Human Resource meeting right before this meeting.

11. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Jail Nurse Contract fee:

The Jail Nurse Contract fee was passed to increase it to \$75.00 in the Human Resources meeting.

12. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Motorola Refund:

Sheriff Osmond advised that John Hadley brought up putting the refund back in the ARPA funds, that is why it is back on the agenda. Osmond wanted to know what everyone one else wanted to do. He stated that it was already voted on, but he wanted to make sure. It was agreed to continue with the initial plan.

13. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Purchase of fleet and body cameras:

Sheriff Osmond advised that Jake has a breakdown for the cost of the purchase of fleet and body cameras. Jake advised that the video starts when emergency lights activate, he went over when they get back to the sheriff’s office all of the video automatically gets uploaded to the cloud and is easier and faster than they have now. Osmond advised right now they have to download it onto a flash drive, and they take the risk of the flash drive getting lost or breaking. Osmond also advised that when they are downloading the videos is slows down the computer and makes it hard to do anything on them and it takes a good amount of time. John Sendelbach wants to know the total cost, Jake advised that it is \$168,567; we are just waiting for the total from our IT department. Jake also did let everyone know that the quotes do expire. Carol made a motion to ask for \$170,000 from ARPA funds and 2nd by John Sendelbach. Motion passed, will move to Finance Committee.

14. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Hiring Process Update/Hiring Options:

Sheriff Osmond advised that they are doing a background check on one applicant, and they have a prospective start date of mid-June. They will need to advertise for another position.

15. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Acceptance of Donations:

Kassie advised that there were no donations. Sheriff Osmond advised that they will be starting a raffle as soon as they get the tickets for a raffle for the K-9. The donation is from Joel Artis, and it will be for a 5-day hunt.

16. Review/Discussion ~ Sheriff, Chief Deputy, and Jail Administrator Monthly Reports:

Sheriff Osmond started off with the death in St. Croix County from Saturday over an OWI doing field sobriety. Which brought him to discuss how they have been working to not have just one deputy on. There was a house fire in Alma and Hy 35 was closed for approximately one hour. The fire dept did well. Deputy Jake Laehn put together a 4-K Day which included fire, Ems, sheriff's Office, Mondovi Pd. Osmond and Colin did drug take back in Mondovi and they collected 101 pounds of drugs. The flooding at no major impact on the Sheriff's Office. The flood run was quiet, they had a high-speed chase, lost him and stopped the pursuit due to how dangerous it was getting. Nic Scholl ended up assisting Pierce County where they located the individual, the party is currently sitting in our jail on \$50,000 cash bond. The grant writer is currently working on finding a grant for the 911 system.

Chief Deputy Severson went over his report, there were 769 calls for service, 1 transport, 28 traffic accidents, 8 warrants issued, 1 warrant served, 18 civil processes issued, 14 civil processes served. There were 86 hours of overtime and 17 hours of overtime reimbursed. There was a total of 25,690 squad miles for April with an average of 1,712 per squad for April.

LT Olson started off with, there were 20 bookings in April with a total of 108 for 2023. There was a total of \$3139.06 reimbursement for ES Sanctions. We had a fee of \$100 for April for housing fees. We have 6 people on our Warrant/Detainer list. Patty Klopp started as our newest Communication Correction Officer on May 1st.

17. Review/Discussion/Action ~Next Meeting Date and Time:

A meeting on June 12th, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. was scheduled.

18. Public comment not related to agenda items: None

19. Adjournment

John Sendelbach made a motion to adjourn at 12:18

Kassie Serum, Secretary