

Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: May 10th, 2022

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: May 4th, 2022

Meeting called to order by Sheriff Schmidtknecht at 10:50am.

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

Carol McDonough, John Sendelbach, Mike Taylor and Nathan Nelson-EXCUSED.

Others present: Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Chief Deputy Lee Engfer, Kassie Serum, Lt. Logan Olson, and Lucas Teska

2: Public Comments: None

3: Review/Discussion/Action: Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht started off with taking nominations for Chair, Carol McDonough nominated Mike Taylor second by John Sendelbach. Sheriff Schmidtknecht accepted motion to accept Mike Taylor. John Sendelbach made a motion and second by Carol McDonough. Sheriff Schmidtknecht accepted nominations for Vice Chair. Mike Taylor nominated Carol McDonough and second by John Sendelbach. John made a motion and second by Mike Taylor.

4: Review/Discussion/Action: Appointment of Supervisor to the CJCC Committee:

Mike Taylor nominated Nathan Nelson, second by Carol McDonough.

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

Motion to approve March Minutes Michael Taylor accepted minutes, second by Carol McDonough. Motion carried.

6: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht explained we would be approving the last 2 months of vouchers due to not having a meeting last month. Sheriff Schmidtknecht discussed gas prices and how that price will be up the next month as well. John Sendelbach made a motion and second by Carol McDonough

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht stated patrol is at 32% and is right on track, gas is about 10% over what it should be. Jail is at 29% we are under at this time we are usually at 34%. Capital outlay is at 22% overall we are on track. Mike Taylor accepted Expenditures.

9: Discussion ~ Law Enforcement/Jail staffing updates:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised we have 4 positions opened, and they did interviews last week and are looking at 3 people, Lee is working on backgrounds.

10: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Replace open Communication/Corrections Officer Position:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that CCO Taylor Ausetz has accepted a new job and will be leaving at the end of May. A motion to fill her position was made by John Sendelbach and second by Carol McDonough.

11. Review/Discussion/Action: Acceptance of 2 donations

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised they received a \$20.00 donation from a Doris and Paul Dix for the K-9 and a \$100.00 Donation from a Thomas and Deborah Pedric for DARE. Both donations were approved.

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht stated the jail is fully open after covid and has been busy he would like to keep it open. Jail is filling up slowly. Mr. Schmidtknecht gave a report from Tammy Huber on calls: 2,550 in April 172 of them being 911 calls and 9,727 calls to date and 697 of them being 911 calls.

Chief Deputy Lee Engfer advised about 60 hours of overtime in the month of March and Mileage was normal. Lee Engfer advised that calls for services are down and they had a death investigation and flood run. April had about 42 hours overtime, mileage hasn't been completed yet next meeting he will give that. Lee Engfer advised we received a grant from Burlington Northern for \$2,700 to buy binoculars, he ordered Vortex binoculars they had one older one that they gave to Lucas from Emergency Management. Lee Engfer advised they had one motorcycle accident with 2 occupants, later in the day on Flood Run and both had to be taken by helicopter-speed and alcohol were factors. Lee also advised Highway messaged boards were used in Nelson for Flood run. Lee Engfer advised he participated in a drug take back on April 30th and there was a total of 70 pounds of drugs collected, the collection is done 2 times a year.

LT Logan Olson gave report of inmates liking the programs in the jail. Logan Olson discussed new equipment that was donated from Mary Wood with the UW Extensions office. Logan Olson advised that the rec room got repainted and as of April they have had a total of 98 bookings to date. Logan Olson also stated that they are moving forward with 3 interviewees for open positions. Mike Taylor accepted reports.

13: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management Written Report:

Lucas Teska advised that they did a live tornado drill in the court house and it went well. Lucas Teska discussed Alert Sense and getting notifications with bad weather. Lucas Teska gave an update on moving offices, they were hoping to be moved by the end of the month.

14: Review/Discussion/Acton: Emergency Management-switching phone services from Verizon to FirstNet:

Lucas Teska advised he needs a hotspot and it would be a 6% increase which is less than what is budgeted, and next year it will go up around \$60.00.

15: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management current Expenditures:

Lucas Teska advised the committee that he is at 35% total used of his budget but that will go down once they figure out his split between his two positions. Mike Taylor Accepted.

16: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time:

Currently, no meeting set in June. A meeting for July 11th 2022 at 11:15 was scheduled.

17: Public comment not related to agenda items:

None

18: Adjournment:

12:45pm, John Sendelbach motioned for adjournment, second by Carol McDonough. Motion carried.

Kassie Serum, Secretary