

Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: November 14, 2022

Electronic and Hardcopy Filing Date: November 18, 2022

1: Call to Order/Roll Call:

Mike Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:30.

Mike Taylor, Nathan Nelson, John Sendelbach, John Hadley, Carol McDonough

Others present: Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Chief Deputy Colin Severson, Lucas Teska, LT. Logan Olson, Detective Mike Osmond, and Administrator Lee Engfer.

2: Public Comments: None

3. Review: Billing town of Modena fire run:

Perry Pronschinske was present for the Town of Modena. Perry advised that it cost Modena \$900.00 for the fire department to come for 1 hour. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that when he spoke to Deputy Joe Bresette was clearing the fire department arrived on scene. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised Perry to read the contract that they have with the fire department and try and renegotiate. Perry advised he has not read it. Sheriff Schmidtknecht made it clear that there were multiple attempts made to contact members of Town Board that evening. Kassie Serum also advised that in the book that dispatch uses to contact people there is only home phone numbers listed. Perry advised that multiple deputies including the Sheriff has his cell number. In future Perry was advised to have Town Board members supply Dispatch with their cell phone contact info if the Board wanted to be contacted.

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

Motion to approve September Minutes by Nate Nelson accepted minutes, second by Carol McDonough.

5: Review/Discussion: Committee Chair Report: None

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

Motion to approve October and November vouchers-Mike Taylor accepted

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that over all we are under, we don't have updated numbers yet and we are not sure when they will be fixed. We are currently at 79% which is a little under where we should be at for the year. Mike Taylor excepted the reports.

8: Review/Discussion/Action ~ Chief Deputy Position Description Revision

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that it hasn't been updated in a while, he advised that after it gets approved here that it will then go to the HR committee to approve it. Motion to approve by Nate Nelson and seconded by John Hadley. All passed.

9. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Chief Deputy Appointment Approval

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that he had picked Colin Severson to take the role as Chief Deputy. Colin Severson left our Office back in 2018 to take a new role as Chief of Police in Mondovi. Now he will be leaving Mondovi to come back here. John Hadley wanted to confirm with soon to be Sheriff Mike Osmond to make sure he was on the same page with hiring Colin Severson. Mike Osmond advised he reached out to Colin to come back.

10: Review/Discussion/Action ~Acceptance of K-9 Donation:

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that we received 2 donations for the K-9 program. The first one was from Karen Solverson in the amount of \$25.00 and the second one was from Rheta and Ronald Brownell in the amount of \$150.00. Mike Taylor accepted the donations.

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

Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that car vs. deer are starting to happen. We just had a squad hit a deer and our deductible is \$5,000. Sheriff Schmidtknecht gave Tammy's report for phone calls, in September we had a total of 2,573 call and out of those calls 210 were 911 calls. Year to date we have just over 24,000 calls with 1772 of those calls were 911 calls. Sheriff Schmidtknecht advised that he has been busy with preparing people for new positions.

Lee Engfer gave the Chief Deputy report. Lee advised that September calls are up, traffic accidents are down. Civil process and warrants are normal, and overtime is up, mileage was within norm.

12: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management Report:

Lucas Teska advised that he entered a contract with Everbridge for Mass notifications. Lucas advised he attended the WEMA, MABAS conferences. He participated in a regional exercise to satisfy grant. He also attended a two-day ICS/EOC interface class in Altoona. Teska also attended two four-hour classes on Winter Weather Hazards. Teska advised he submitted his application for 2023 EMPG and EPCRA grants. Teska met with WEM regional director to go over 2022 grant close out requirements. He is updating county EOP as part of plan of work agreement for grant

13: Review/Discussion ~ Emergency Management current Expenditures:

Lucas Teska advised he is at 76% spent and is over on retirement on the risk management and emergency management.

14: Review/Discussion ~ The Committee May go into Closed Session to Discuss Personnel Evaluations

Nathan made a motion to go into closed session, John seconded the motion.
Mike Taylor-yes, Nathan Nelson-yes, John Sendelbach-yes, John Hadley-yes, and Carol McDonough-yes

15. Review/Discussion/Action ~ The Committee May Return to Open Session

Nathan made a motion to come out of closed session, Carol seconded the motion. Mike Taylor-yes, Nathan Nelson-yes, John Sendelbach-yes, John Hadley-yes, and Carol McDonough-yes

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

A meeting for January 9th, 2022, at 11:30 was scheduled.

17: Public comment not related to agenda items: None

18: Adjournment:

11:10AM, John made a motion for adjournment, second by Nathan

Kassie Serum, Secretary