

-Buffalo County Public Meeting Minutes

Committee/Board: LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting: September 14th, 2026

1/2: Call to Order/Roll Call:

In person: Mike Taylor, Robert Sendelbach, Daniel Schultz. Excused: Nathan Nelson

Others present in person or virtually for All or Parts of the Meeting: Sheriff Jake Laehn, Chief Deputy Ryan Howell, Kassie Serum, Coordinator Lee Engfer, Emergency Management Steve Wall.

3: Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance:

Kassie Serum advised that the meeting was posted on the County website and at two other locations per the County Clerk.

4: Approve Agenda

Robert Sendelbach made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Daniel Schultz.

5: Minutes of Previous Meeting:

No changes to the previous meeting minutes.

Robert Sendelbach made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Daniel Schultz.

6: Public Comment: None

7: Annual Jail Tour:

Tour was given to present members.

8: Emergency Management Current Expenditures and Report:

Steve Wall stated that the budget is good and there is about 42% left. Wall advised that the telephone line will be over due to paying for three years of the new alert system. Wall stated the WEMA conference is next week. Wall stated that WDF is starting to pay out for the March Snowfall. Wall applied for all EPCRA, EMPG, CHERG and they were all approved. Wall said that Nixle will end at the end of the month and regroup will be our new system. .
Report accepted

9: Law Enforcement Vouchers:

Kassie asked if there were any questions. Mike Taylor asked about the Enterprise bill going up and then back down by around \$5,000. Lee Engfer advised that it fluctuates. Sheriff Laehn stated that we have a new squad downstairs that is waiting to be completed and we were in the process of getting rid of one.

Robert Sendelbach made a motion to approve expenditure, seconded by Daniel Schultz. Accepted.

10: Law Enforcement Expenditures:

No questions about expenditures,
Robert Sendelbach made a motion to approve expenditures, Daniel Schultz seconded. Carried.

11. Law Enforcement Revenue:

Kassie stated that the revenue list starts on January 1st until the end of August.

Robert Sendelbach made a motion to approve revenue, Daniel Schultz seconded. Carried

12: Donations:

Kassie advised we received donations for the K-9 from Snappers with two separate donations in the amount of \$1400, Arcadia Credit Union in the amount of \$1000, Blacks Valley Ag in the amount of \$5000. Kassie stated that they also received two donations for National Night Out from Oakridge Engineering in the amount of \$500 and another one from Gilmanton Community Club in the amount of \$500.

Donations accepted.

13. Sheriff's Office Reports:

Sheriff Laehn started off with introducing the new Chief Deputy Ryan Howell and thanking all of the staff for all their hard work and understanding of all of the changes in the last few months. Laehn stated that National Night Out was a success. Mike Taylor asked if we were still not housing inmates in Trempealeau. Laehn stated we have started housing there again. Laehn asked if there were any questions on Ryans and Emilys Reports that were included in the packet. There were no questions.

14. Committee Chair Report: None

15. Future Agenda Items:

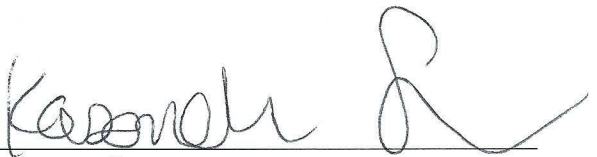
Sheriff Laehn would like to add collaboration with Trempealeau, Jackson County with a Tri-Community Regional Computer Forensics Cooperative.

16. Next Meeting Date and Time:

A meeting on October 12th at 9:00AM. was scheduled.

17. Adjournment:

Adjourn at 10:50 AM.



Kassie Serum, Secretary