

Green County Law Enforcement Committee

Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2022

Members Present:

Richard Thoman, Chairperson
Joe Snow, Vice-Chairperson
Mark Gundlach
David Tschudy
Isaiah Carlson

Non-members Present:

Dana Weber-Recording Secretary
Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud
Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski
EMG Director Tanna McKeon

1. Verified that door is unlocked-Social distancing exercised.
2. Meeting called to order @ 5:30p.m. by Chairman Richard Thoman.
3. **Approve minutes of previous regular meeting:** Motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting by Mark Gundlach; 2nd by Isaiah Carlson. Motion carried.
4. **Review Emergency Management updates:** Emergency Management (EMG) Director Tanna McKeon updated the committee that the EMPG and EPCRA grant will now be based on a calendar year, so it will run from January 1-December 31, instead of the plan year ending on September 30. EMG Director McKeon indicated that due to adding the three months to the budget that the department will receive additional funding but will not receive until next year. EMG Director McKeon advised that the annual computer grant should be approved this month. EMG Director McKeon advised the committee on the training and exercises that her department has attended, planned and have upcoming in the near future. EMG McKeon advised that her department participated in Brodhead's night out on August 9. EMG Director McKeon updated the committee on the City of Monroe Functional Exercise that was on July 27 with 23 participants and there were many positive reviews. EMG Director McKeon advised that the FEMA Martintown residence that was burned on July 16 still has debris to be removed to an approved landfill and she advised that Green Co. landfill will no longer take it, but she will continue to work on finding a site for it. EMG Director McKeon indicated that the department is working on replacing the mobile command unit and prioritizing the needs of the county.
5. **Review and updates on Radio System:** Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski stated that the project is in the final stages of the contract and there are a few supply issues and items that need to be finished before the civil engineer signs off on the project.
6. **Training Requests:** Sheriff Skatrud and Chief Deputy Moczynski had the following training requests:
 - 1) A lieutenant to attend the NTOA 2022 Conference from September 25-30, in Milwaukee, WI with 5 overnights and a registration cost of \$479.00;
 - 2) A detective to attend Death Investigation School in Green Lake, WI with 10 overnights, September 12-23 and a registration fee of \$200.00;
 - 3) EMG Director McKeon and EMG assistant to attend the WEMA conference September 21-22, in Stevens Point, WI with two overnights and a cost of \$720.00.Joe Snow made a motion to approve the training; 2nd by David Tschudy. Motion carried.
7. **Review Jail Population and jail medical issues:** Sheriff Skatrud discussed the state of the department. The jail housed an average of 40 inmates for July and there are 13 on the bracelet system. There were no medical issues for the month of July. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that with the staffing shortages at the department, the department has moved the female inmates to Iowa County jail and the department will pay a daily fee for housing.

The staffing in the jail is down 4 female employees and is now short 3 male jailers and the department has just hired a male jailer. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that there are no female applicants at this time and the department is doing backgrounds on a couple of male applicants. Sheriff Skatrud advised that cross trained deputies are helping in the jail but we are running thin. Sheriff Skatrud said that employees are basically leaving due to hours and pay.

8. Review and approve Public Safety and Department updates: Sheriff Skatrud advised that Sgt. Gempeler is retiring on August 19 and the department patrol staff is short 3 deputies. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department just hired a deputy and she is attending the academy for 18 weeks and then will be in the training program for 12 weeks. Sheriff Skatrud advised that he had department meetings last week with the employees. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that some of the suggestions were to do an outreach program at technical schools/academy's and high schools to try to recruit candidates/interns for the department. Sheriff Skatrud advised that they are looking at all avenues and ideas.

Sheriff Skatrud indicated that the WPPA will start 12 hours shifts on August 21 to try to help with the overtime and staffing issues.

Sheriff Skatrud informed the committee that National Night Out will be on August 16 in Juda from 5pm-7pm.

9. Discussion and possible approval of resolution designating Green County Sheriff's Office as designated public safety answering point for Green County:

Sheriff Skatrud advised that there is grant monies available to help 911 centers pay for equipment and training but they have to be the designated public safety answering point for the county. Sheriff Skatrud advised that the dispatch equipment is 7 years old and nearing its end of life and the software and hardware will need to be replaced. Sheriff Skatrud is hoping to participate in this grant to help replace this system and update the everchanging technology. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that there are some prerequisites that need to be met to be considered for this grant and being considered the primary 911 center for Green County does meet one of the stipulations. Sheriff Skatrud advised that Brodhead is looking at their budget and the future of their dispatch center. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that the Sheriff's Department takes all 911 calls for the county and Monroe Police Department is the back up for the county. The committee discussed dispatch staffing, emergency medical dispatching and other county communication centers.

Mark Gundlach made a motion to approve a resolution to designate Green County Sheriff's Office as the designated public safety answering point for Green County and to forward to County Board for approval; 2nd by Joe Snow. Motion carried.

10. Review monthly Budget: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department has spent about 56% of the budget thus far this year and the department is currently on track.

11. Audit bills: The Department Bills were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by David Tschudy and seconded by Mark Gundlach to approve the bills. Motion carried.

12. Next Meeting: Next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for September 13 at 5:00 p.m. Joe Snow moved to adjourn and Isaiah Carlson seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Thoman.

Submitted by Dana Weber