

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER
Lancaster, WI 53813
March 9, 2015

The Grant County Law Enforcement Committee was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Pat Schroeder. The following members and personnel were present:

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE: Bob Scallon, Gary Ranum, Robert Keeney and John Patcle. Larry Wolf and Lester Jantzen were excused.

GUESTS: Sheriff Nate Dreckman, Chief Deputy Jack Johnson, and Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary.

Kelly Bird verified the agenda had been posted at the County Clerk's office and Courthouse. Kelly posted the agenda in the Sheriff's Department lobby. Gary second by John approved the agenda as mailed. Bob K. second by Gary approved the minutes from the previous meeting. The bills for the Sheriff's Office were approved in motions by John and seconded by Bob S. All above motions carried.

There is no Coroner's Report.

Under Sheriff's Briefing, Sheriff Dreckman updated the committee on the Montfort incident that happened on January 2. Chief Deputy Johnson and everyone involved handled the incident very well. The Sheriff's Office is keeping in contact with the progress of the little boy that survived the incident. He is improving and doing well.

There was a fatal accident on Hwy 61 and Circle Road. The accident is still under investigation.

The Sheriff's Office hired Matthew Whipple from Monroe to fill the open Deputy position. He is currently half way through Field Training and is doing well.

There is a Parole Hearing in March for Gregory Coulthard who was convicted of killing Deputy Tom Reuter. There is a letter writing campaign that will hopefully help deny his parole. There have been over 250 letters received so far.

Sheriff Dreckman passed out the activity report for the last two months.

The jail population is at 50 as of this morning with no inmates being housed out of county and no overcrowding.

Sheriff Dreckman will be involved in presentations with Rapid Responder. Rapid Responder will present 3D computer diagrams of buildings. This will help Law Enforcement have a better idea of the buildings they are entering when going out on calls.

There is no Training to discuss at this time.

There are no Grants to discuss at this time.

Under Maintenance, Chief Deputy Johnson showed the committee members one of the pipes that had to be replaced from one of the holding cells. The pipe was very old and cracked which caused some leaking and damaged tiles.

Under New Business, Sheriff Dreckman is required to appoint someone as Undersheriff to take over his duties during a vacancy. Sheriff Dreckman passed out a letter appointing Chief Deputy Jack Johnson. This has also been discussed with Corporation Counsel. It was motioned by John and seconded by Gary to appoint Chief Deputy Johnson as Undersheriff. Motion carried.

The 911 Funding Bill and its impact on the Sheriff's Department was discussed. The Sheriff has met with local legislators to express his concern with the future funding of 911 upgrades that will need to be done. It is hopeful that grant money will be available.

The Sheriff's Office lost about \$6,700.00 in monies received for Probation and Parole holds for the year 2014. This is due to the decrease in the amount the Department of Corrections will reimburse for inmates per day.

Chief Deputy Johnson received vehicle bids from Fillback Ford, Les Mack Ford, and Pioneer Ford for a 2016 Ford Expedition. The Sheriff's Office would like to purchase 3 at this time. It was motioned by Bob S. and seconded by Gary to go with the low bid of \$27,205.00 from Les Mack Ford. Motion carried.

The 2014 Annual Report was passed out and discussed by Sheriff Dreckman. Sheriff Dreckman would like to thank the Law Enforcement Committee for their support over the past year.

It was motioned by Bob S. and seconded by John to adjourn to April 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. following the Grant County Emergency/Disaster Service Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Ranum, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary