

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
May 11, 2020

The Grant County Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom by Chairman Gary Ranum. The following members and personnel were present:

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: John Beinborn, Bob Keeney, Greg Fry and Pat Schroeder.

GUESTS: Sheriff Nate Dreckman; Chief Deputy Jack Johnson; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg, Joyce Roling, Personnel and Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary.

Kelly Bird verified the agenda had been posted at the County Clerk's Office, Community Services Building, Courthouse and on the county website. Pat Schroeder second by John Beinborn approved the agenda. Greg Fry second by Bob Keeney approved the minutes from the March 9 meeting with a spelling correction. All above motions carried.

There were no Public Forum participants present.

**Coroner:**

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg notified the committee that deaths are up this year compared to last year. The COVID-19 has had some effect on the deaths among the elderly population.

Pat Schroeder second by Greg Fry made a motion to accept the Coroner's Report. Motion carried.

The Coroner did not send Financials out to committee members. These will be tabled until the next meeting.

John Beinborn second by Bob Keeney made a motion to accept the Coroner's Invoices. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Briefing:**

The monthly activity report was reviewed for March and April. Activity overall has been down due to the COVID-19. Calls for Service, Probation and Parole Holds, booking and Out of County Inmate Housing have all decreased. There have been no citations issued at this time for overcrowding and not social distancing.

This is National Police Week and we are asked to remember all those working in Corrections, Telecommunications and Law Enforcement for all of their hard work. There will be no Law Enforcement Memorial this year.

There have been 2 fatal traffic accidents since the last meeting.

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Sheriff Dreckman spoke about the COVID-19 Plan update. A disinfecting robot was recently purchased and is being used throughout the county. There may be grant money available to help offset the cost of this.

We are now fully staffed with one person being quarantined at home due to exposure.

The committee members would like to commend all Law Enforcement for their hard work during these challenging times.

John Beinborn second by Greg Fry made a motion to accept the Sheriff's Briefing. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Jack Johnson updated the committee on the tower. RACOM has rotated the plot where the tower will be located. This does not affect the cost. Lynda Schweikert of the Conservation, Sanitation and Zoning Department has reviewed this and is comfortable with it. The completion dates are on schedule at this time.

The proposed change to Grant County's Promoted or Transferred Employee Policy was discussed. Sheriff Dreckman and Joyce Roling have discussed this through email and Sheriff Dreckman is satisfied with the current wording.

Under New Facility Chief Deputy Jack Johnson notified the committee of a window that was broken in the jail while an inmate was mopping. This was not intentional. An inmate was moving a table and it hit the window causing it to spider web crack. Chief Deputy Johnson has contacted Stronghold directly to get an estimate with no success. He has also tried contacting Brad Bierman from Epic Construction about repairing the window and a door and has not received a phone call back. Chief Deputy Johnson will continue to attempt to contact Brad with these issues.

The tablets used for video conferencing in the jail are of poor quality and have not been working as expected. There will be new cable lines put in place in the jail and Kiosks will be used for the video conferencing. This will cost \$7,300.00 and will come out of the Jail Assessment account.

Under Training, there will be three Jailers attending the Jail Academy this spring. The Jail is currently fully staffed and Part-Time Jailers will be able to cover the shifts. There is also a current staff member that will be attending the Law Enforcement Academy. These trainings are reimbursed from the State Department of Justice. The Sheriff's Office will still be responsible for paying them their wages.

There are no Grants to discuss at this time.

Under Maintenance, Pete, Dan and Don are doing a very good job keeping everything clean and sanitized at the Community Services Building and Courthouse. They are also shampooing carpets at the Community Services Building.

The Sheriff's Office Invoices and Financials were presented. John Beinborn second by Greg Fry made a motion to accept the Invoices and Financials. Motion carried.

It was also noted that the Dispatchers are scheduled to move into the Community Services Building in the middle of June.

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**Emergency Management:**

Under Emergency Management Director's Report, Steve Braun updated the committee members on the COVID-19 Response. The Emergency Operations Center is here at the Community Services Building and things have been working well virtually with technology. The Emergency Operations Center is staffed seven days a week and supports the direction of the Health Department. Incident Action Plans are sent out every two days. Julie Durst who had previously worked in Emergency Management is assisting with the Public Information aspect of COVID-19.

The main focus right now is Nursing Home Protection and helping Orchard Manor make sure that they have all the needed supplies. Most of the deaths due to COVID-19 in Grant County were in that facility. There is a shortage of small N95 masks and paper gowns and employees may have to reuse them after sterilization. They are accepting donations.

There is a joint isolation facility with Lafayette County at UW Platteville that can be used if needed. This is a place that people can use when quarantined if they have no place to go. It has not been used so far.

There is a lot of Personal Protective Equipment that comes through Emergency Management for distribution. Emergency Management tracks the equipment and keeps records for reimbursement from FEMA.

John Beinborn second by Greg Fry made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Motion carried.

Emergency Management's Invoices and Financials were presented. John Beinborn second by Bob Keeney made a motion to approve the Invoices and Financials. Motion carried.

John Beinborn second by Pat Schroeder made a motion to adjourn to June 8, 2020. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pat Schroeder, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary

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