

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
June 8, 2020

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Gary Ranum, John Beinborn, Greg Fry, Roger Guthrie, Porter Wagner and Gary Northouse.

GUESTS: Sheriff Nate Dreckman; Chief Deputy Jack Johnson; Steve Braun, Emergency Management; Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg; Joyce Roling, Personnel; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Garry Pluemer, Facilities Maintenance Manager; 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. John Beinborn second by Gary Ranum approved the agenda. John Beinborn second by Bob Keeney approved the minutes from the May 11 meeting with one correction. All above motions carried.

Under Election of Committee Officers, Greg Fry nominated John Beinborn for Chairman of the committee. Porter Wagner nominated Roger Guthrie for Chairman of the committee. Porter Wagner second by Gary Northouse moved to close the nominations and take a roll call vote. Roger Guthrie will abstain from voting. Greg Fry voted for John Beinborn. Gary Northouse voted for Roger Guthrie. Gary Ranum voted for Roger Guthrie. Porter Wagner voted for Roger Guthrie. Bob Keeney voted for Roger Guthrie. Roger Guthrie will serve as the Chairman of the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee. Motion carried by vote.

Porter Wagner nominated John Beinborn to serve as Vice Chairman of the committee. Roger Guthrie second by Gary Northouse moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous vote for John Beinborn as Vice-Chairman of the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee. Motion carried.

John Beinborn nominated Greg Fry to serve as Secretary of the committee. Roger Guthrie second by Gary Northouse moved to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Greg Fry as Secretary of the Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee. Motion carried.

The meeting was turned over to the Chairman of the committee Roger Guthrie

There were no Public Forum participants present.

Coroner:

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg notified the committee that she is still very busy. There have been COVID-19 tests on people that have passed away that traveled from out of state back to Wisconsin. The test is not required on all deaths.

It was motioned by Bob and second by Gary Ranum to approve the Coroner Financials and Invoices. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Briefing:

The monthly activity report was reviewed for May. Activity overall has increased some. Calls for Service for May were 2544 with Grant County handling 1065. There were 1101 emergency calls and 4740 Administrative calls. Inmate population was at 38 this morning. There were 32 inmates in house, 27 male and five female. Five are on the Electronic Monitoring Program and one has been transferred to another county for Huber Work Release. The Out of County Housing Revenue has decreased due to the COVID-19 in Grant County as well as other counties.

Bookings have been picking up. When a new inmate is brought in after booking they are put in a holding cell for 14 days before transferring to another cell. The nurse is working five days a week at the jail to help monitor inmates and staff for the COVID-19. There have been no inmates or staff that have tested positive for the virus at this time.

Porter Wagner second by Gary Ranum made a motion to accept the Sheriff's Briefing. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Jack Johnson updated the committee on the tower. The final drawings have been approved and the work on the tower will begin within the next couple of weeks.

Sheriff Dreckman has been helping coordinate mutual aid assistance to Madison to help with the rioting. The Sheriff's Department sent Deputies from Grant County on three different days to help with security. There were also some protests over the weekend in Platteville.

Sheriff Dreckman put a statement on Facebook for anyone who has questions about our Policy and Procedures to contact him. He would like to keep an open dialogue with the community.

It was confirmed this morning that the 911 Center and Dispatchers will be going live at the new facility on July 6.

There were no Personnel Updates to discuss.

Under New Facility, Garry Pluemer met with Brad from Epic and all the warranty work will be completed within the next week or so. The Kettle in the kitchen is leaking oil and Garry has a call in for repair. The replacement window for the one that was broken in the jail will be shipped on June 11. It is not known when it will be prepared.

Under Training, Captain Place was scheduled to go to Command College in the fall. He has a conflict and is unable to attend. Sheriff Dreckman will be going in his place. This will be for a total of six weeks which will be split up and will be held at Fort McCoy.

Under Grants, Sheriff Dreckman notified the committee that there is emergency funding available from the Department of Justice for unexpected COVID-19 expenses. The applications will soon be available through the State of Wisconsin. This will be put on the Full County Board agenda for approval.

There were no Maintenance issues to discuss at this time.

The Sheriff's Office Invoices and Financials were presented. Porter Wagner second by Gary Northouse made a motion to accept the Invoices and Financials. Motion carried.

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 has been opened since the end of March and is staffed seven days a week. The Emergency Operations Center supports the direction of the Health Department. Incident Action Plans are sent out every two days. The New Facility has worked out well for this and things are running smoothly. The Isolation Facility has not been used and Hospitals haven't seen the surge that was expected. Community testing will increase soon.

Gary Ranum second by Gary Northouse made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Motion carried.

Steve Braun requested the hiring of two positions for the Emergency Management Department. The first would be for a Limited Term Employee to work primarily with COVID-19 duties. The second would be for a Full-Time Benefit Position that would be hired as soon as possible and then at the first of the year transition to the current Emergency Management Planner's Position. The current Emergency Management Planner will be accepting another position the first of the year. Both of these positions will be funded through COVID Response funds and will be no extra cost to the county. It was motioned by John Beinborn and second by Greg fry to approve the Full-Time and LTE Position contingent on funding. Motion carried.

Emergency Management Director Steve Braun requested to carryover five days of vacation. He has not been able to us these days due to the COVID-19. Gary Northouse second by Porter Wagner motioned to approve the carryover of five days of vacation. Motion carried.

Porter Wagner second by Gary Northouse made a motion to go into closed session. Motion carried via roll call.

Gary Northouse second by John Beinborn made a motion to return to open session. Motion carried.

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

Gary Northouse second by Porter Wagner made a motion to adjourn to July 13, 2020. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Fry, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
