

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
August 14, 2023

The Grant County Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Adam Day. The following members and personnel were present:

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Porter Wagner, John Beinborn, Brian Lucey, Joe Mumm, Gary Northouse and Bob Keeney.

GUESTS: Sheriff Nate Dreckman; Chief Deputy Travis Klaas; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Phyllis Fuerstenberg, Coroner; Joyce Roling, Personnel Director; Chris Johll, Communications Supervisor; Craig Reukauf, Captain/Jail Administrator; Ellen Tyler, Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission; Herald Independent; 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. Gary Northouse second by Porter Wagner approved the agenda. John Beinborn second by Brian Lucey approved the minutes from the June 12 meeting with one correction. All above motions carried.

There was no Public Forum to discuss.

Coroner:

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg spoke with Les Mack about ordering a new van. She will not be able to get one ordered but there is a 2023 one available on the lot for \$42,194.50. It was motioned by Porter Wagner and seconded by John Beinborn to purchase the van from Les Mack for the asking price and a cot for the van not to exceed \$500.00. Motion carried. This will mean the Coroner's Office will have two vans available for service.

It was motioned by Gary Northouse and second by Brian Lucey to approve the Coroner's Financials and Invoices. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Briefing:

The monthly activity report was reviewed for June and July. Inmate population was at 62 this morning. There were 50 inmates in house. There were 41 male and 9 female. Ten inmates are on the Electronic Monitoring Program. There are 17 sentenced inmates, 11 waiting to be sentenced and 22 on Probation Holds. There are currently six contract inmates. June and July were tragic months for Grant County. There were four fatal accidents where alcohol was a factor. The Shop with a Cop back to school event was a success. There will be some events at the fair to raise funds for future Shop with a Cop events.

There Sheriff's Office has submitted their first draft of the 2024 Budget.

Captain/Jail Administrator Reukauf was present to discuss the approval of a Huber Resolution to increase the fees to the same amount that the Electronic Monitoring Program Fees are currently. All

inmates who are on Huber or EMP will wear an ankle monitor to better track their locations. It was motioned by Gary Northouse and seconded by Joe Mumm to approve this and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas notified the committee that he would like to replace six squads in 2024. He looking at Chevy Tahoe's because the resale is much better. The state bids are not out yet and he will update the committee when they are.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas would like the approval to reclassify two current Jailers to Corporals January 1, 2024. Approval is needed from a Corporal to move inmates, strip search inmates and classification of inmates. This will make a first line supervisor available on every shift. It was motioned by Adam Day and seconded by Gary Northouse to approve this and send it to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Klaas and Joyce Roling, Personnel Director have revised the Overtime Policy for Jailers and Dispatchers to read "of the regularly scheduled eighty-four hour pay period: Employees will be paid for four hours at time and one-half the regular rate of pay if all hours are actual worked hours". This will decrease comp time earned and overtime in the future. It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Porter Wagner to approve this and send it on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Sheriff Dreckman notified the committee of several Jailers who have applied to the prisons in our area due to the increase in pay that the Department of Corrections is offering. This may result in Grant County losing five Jailers and not being able to fill those positions. This may result in having to house our inmates in other counties. Increasing shift differential was one option discussed to help increase Jailer Wages in Grant County. Chief Deputy Klaas compared Grant County Jailer Wages to surrounding counties and it is much lower. He asked to approve a pay grade increase to include the current step. This would only bring our Jailers Wages even with surrounding counties. The wage study results will be available the first week of October. This will not be soon enough. It was motioned by Gary Northouse and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve giving the Jailers a pay grade increase to include the current step and send this to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Communications Supervisor Chris Johll gave a presentation on Prepared Live which is a Dispatch Software that the Grant County Dispatchers have been using the free version of since April. The software provides more live communication between Dispatchers and callers. Callers are able to provide a live recording of their situation for Dispatchers to see. The cost for a three year contract is \$33,000.00 and will need to come out of the general fund. It was motioned by Adam Day and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve this and send it to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Under the Radio Project Update, it is continuing to move forward with the Cassville site still in the process of being secured. Meetings in both locations are being held tonight.

Under Personnel, the Jailer Wages were discussed in previous agenda items.

There was no Training to discuss.

Under Grants, Chief Deputy Travis Klaas notified the committee of a COPS Grant that will be available in the future that will cover the starting salary of two Deputies. He will update the committee when it becomes available.

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

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Steve Braun presented the Director's Report. Ellen Tyler from the Southwest Regional Planning Commission was present to give an overview of the Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. This is available on the county website and is updated every 5 years. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the update and send this to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

Steve and Sheriff Dreckman would like the approval to implement a Community Notification Service. This is a service that will help rapidly notify community members and staff of an emergency situation. Examples would be notifying communities of major fires, public safety threats or a flash flood. Most surrounding counties have a system like this in place. The cost is \$13,000.00 a year and a one-time set-up fee of \$1,500.00. The cost can be set back with charging municipalities a fee for participating. Each jurisdiction will manage their service and a policy will need to be in place. Steve will give a presentation in the County Boardroom at next month's meeting to department heads and also encourage village representatives to attend.

Emergency Management's Invoices and Financials were presented. Gary Northouse second by Brian Lucey made a motion to accept the Invoices and Financials. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Gary Northouse and seconded by Brian Lucey to adjourn to Monday, September 11, 2023 at 9:00am. The meeting will be held in Room 264 at the Administration Building. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Beinborn, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
