

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
September 11, 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; Amanda Degenhardt, Finance Director; Holly Knapp, Unified Counseling Services; Sgt. Todd Miller, Grant County Sheriff's Office; Hershel Marx, City of Boscobel; Doug McKinley, Platteville Police Department 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 John Beinborn approved the agenda. Joe Mumm second by Brian Lucey approved the minutes from the August 14 meeting. All above motions carried.

A representative from CodeRed, a mass notification system, gave a presentation to committee members and other members of the community. The mass notification system can be accessed from your phone and is user friendly. The fee is based on the population of Grant County. Schools, Townships, Villages and anyone else in Grant County can utilize this system if they choose to. The system can be used to notify a large number of people of missing persons, weather updates, and emergency situations in a very short amount of time. The cost of CodeRed is \$14,500.00 annually with a one-time \$750.00 start-up fee. Several agencies were present that were interested in helping with the cost. It was motioned by Porter Wagner and seconded by Brian Lucey to take \$750.00 from the General Fund for the start-up cost for implementation January 1, 2024 and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

There was no Public Forum to discuss.

**Coroner:**

Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg presented her 2024 Budget to the committee. There were just a few changes in the amounts of different expense accounts but no out of budget spending for 2024. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Gary Northouse to approve the Coroner's 2024 Budget and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

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

**Sheriff's Briefing:**

The monthly activity report was reviewed for August. Inmate population was at 69 this morning. There were 49 inmates in house. There were 44 male and five female. Nine inmates are on the Electronic

Monitoring Program. There are 15 sentenced inmates, seven waiting to be sentenced and 19 on Probation Holds. There are currently six contract inmates. There was one fatal accident that the DNR is investigating. Sheriff Dreckman passed out information on Faith & Blue that will be held at Rolling Hills Church in Platteville. This is an event where people can come and meet Law Enforcement and see how they keep our communities safe. There will also be K9 and Drone demonstrations.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas presented the 2024 Budget to the committee. The Contracts and Support Expense accounts increased due to a significant increase in a contract with RACOM. It was motioned by Gary Northouse and seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the 2024 Budget and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried. The Jailer wages that are being discussed may have an impact on the budget later.

The fiscal impact of the Jailer/Dispatch Overtime Policy was passed out for informational purposes.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas and Personnel Director Joyce Roling have been meeting to discuss the Jailer and Corporal wages. Joyce decided on a request to temporarily pay Jailers and Corporals a stipend of \$2.00/per working hour in addition to their base pay effective immediately to retain current staff. This will be reassessed when market review is completed in October. This will bring the Jailers and Corporals to what they were paid before receiving the Protective Status that they are responsible for. It was motioned by Gary Northouse and seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the stipend of \$2.00/per working hour in addition to their base pay effective immediately and to be reassessed if necessary. Motion carried.

The fiscal impact of reclassifying the Jailers up one pay grade was passed out to the committee for informational purposes.

The fiscal impact for promoting two Jailers to Corporals was passed out to the committee for informational purposes.

Under the Radio Project Update, it is continuing to move forward with the Cassville site still in the process of being secured. Routers are starting to be installed.

Under Personnel, a Deputy has resigned as well as three Jailers.

There was no Training to discuss.

Under Grants, Chief Deputy Travis Klaas notified the committee that the WE Energies Grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 to purchase headsets for the SWERT has been received.

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. Grant awards were passed out to the committee members for review. Several agencies did not receive any grant money this year because it is difficult and time consuming to update and renew the SAMS which is needed to receive any grant money. Several schools will be receiving money from the Brick Grant soon.

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The 2024 Budget for Emergency Management was presented with increases in the Personnel and Health Insurance. The State Aid Revenue was lowered because they have not received any for the last couple of years. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Joe Mumm to approve the 2024 Budget and send it to the Full County Board. Motion carried.

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

It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Porter Wagner to adjourn to Monday, October 9, 2023 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Beinborn, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary

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