

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
July 8, 2024

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

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: John Beinborn, Gary Ranum, Richard Sanson, Adam Day, Brian Lucey and Bob Keeney.

GUESTS: Sheriff Nate Dreckman; Chief Deputy Travis Klaas; Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Detective Sergeant Todd Miller; 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. Rick Sanson second by John Beinborn approved the agenda. Rick Sanson second by John Beinborn approved the minutes from the June 10 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

Coroner:

Coroner Fuerstenberg notified the committee that the cremains in her possession that she is unable to find family members to claim will be buried in July. Pastor Hoehne will perform a service. These were received from a Funeral Home in Boscobel that closed down. Revenue has increased due to hospice deaths, increased fees, and deaths have also increased. The old Coroner van needed some repairs.

Coroner Invoices and Financials were presented. Adam Day second by Gary Ranum made a motion to accept the invoices and financials. Motion carried.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Steve Braun presented the Director's Report. Steve gave an update on the Mississippi River flooding and the surrounding communities. Steve will follow up with communities for any damage. There was an F2 tornado that touched down in Janesville. Steve assisted with the damage assessment using the new GIS Application. The two new trucks are now in Boscobel with the third one on the way. There was a successful grain bin rescue in Darlington on June 24. The FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant awards will come out soon. Steve has completed his 25th year of employment with Grant County.

Steve Braun requested to carryover five days (40 hours) of vacation for the year. It was motioned by Adam Day and seconded by John Beinborn to carryover five days (40) hours of vacation to be used by September 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Emergency Management's Financials and Invoices were presented. Rick Sanson second by Gary Ranum made a motion to accept the Financials and Invoices. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Briefing:

The monthly activity report was reviewed for the month of June. Inmate population was at 51 this morning. There were 45 male inmates and six female. Three inmates are on the Electronic Monitoring Program. There are 23 sentenced inmates, 13 waiting to be sentenced, six on Probation Holds and one serving their sentence in another county. There are currently five contract inmates.

Sheriff Dreckman would like to change Grant County Ordinance 206-2 F and G. This will be adding the below wording under Unlawful Use of Telephone with the recommendation of Corporation Counsel.

F: Make repeated telephone calls, with no legitimate purpose or where the receiver has previously advised the caller, that the content of the call is unwarranted or unwanted.

It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Rick Sanson to change the wording in Grant County Ordinance 206-2 F and G and to revisit if needed. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas passed out cost information on selling and updating current weapons department wide. The quote also includes training, lights, holsters, binoculars and the resale of the current weapons. The remaining cost will be covered from the sale of UTV's that are not being used. It was motioned by Adam Day and seconded by John Beinborn to approve the handgun purchase with the expected revenue from gun resale and UTV sale. Motion carried.

Under the Radio Project Update, things are moving forward with most of the tribal issues being resolved.

Under Personnel, Todd Miller has been promoted to Operations Captain due to the current Operations Captain Rick Place retiring. Jailer Cameron Winkers and Dispatcher Steven McKillip have been promoted to Road Deputy. Brett Wilkinson has been hired as a Male Jailer. There are currently two Female Jailer Positions open, one Dispatch and a Detective Sergeant Position open.

There was no Training to discuss.

Under Grants, there is a Speed Grant from the Department of Transportation that is available. Chief Deputy Travis Klaas will get the actual numbers and bring this back next month.

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

It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Adam Day to adjourn to Monday, August 12, 2024 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

Committee members that wished to were given a tour of the jail and provided a meal prepared by the kitchen staff.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
