

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING
Lancaster, WI 53813
September 9, 2024

The Grant County Law Enforcement/Emergency Management Disaster Services Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Vice-Chairman John Beinborn. Chairman Kathy Kopp is excused from the meeting. The following members and personnel were present:

LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE: Gary Ranum, Richard Sanson, Adam Day, and Bob Keeney. Brian Lucey was not present.

GUESTS: Sheriff Nate Dreckman; Chief Deputy Travis Klaas; Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Captain/Jail Administrator Craig Reukauf; Tonya White, County Clerk; The Herald Independent; Selina Baus, Grant County Health Department; Kessa Klaas, Grant County Health 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 Ranum second by Rick Sanson approved the agenda. Rick Sanson second by John Beinborn approved the minutes from the July 10 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

Coroner:

Coroner Fuerstenberg had no new updates for the committee. The Coroner's 2025 Budget was submitted to the Finance Department but still has to be entered into Tyler Munis. It was motioned by Adam Day and seconded by Gary Ranum to accept the Coroner's Report. Motion carried.

Coroner Invoices and Financials were presented. Rick Sanson second by John Beinborn made a motion to accept the invoices and financials. Motion carried.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Steve Braun passed out the Assistance to Firefighters Grants that have been received as of September 9. There were also pictures of the new Emergency Vehicles that were purchased. The committee was updated on trainings that were held. Steve will get an updated list of inventory that was received last fall for the next meeting. Fennimore is no longer able to store a truck and trailer for Emergency Management so it is being kept at Lancaster. Steve is hoping that Platteville may be able to store it. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Rick Sanson to accept the Director's Report. Motion carried.

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

Sheriff's Briefing:

The monthly activity report was reviewed for the months of July and August. Inmate population was at 52 this morning. There were 43 male inmates and nine female. Six inmates are on the Electronic Monitoring Program. There are 17 sentenced inmates, 10 waiting to be sentenced, 14 on Probation Holds and one serving their sentence in another county. There are currently four contract inmates. There were two fatal motorcycle accidents in the same location one day apart. The other vehicles involved in both of the accidents failed to yield. Sheriff Dreckman is working with the Highway Department on making this intersection safer. There was also a tractor accident where a 17-year old boy was killed.

Sheriff Dreckman would like to thank the committee for their support of Law Enforcement over the years. This will be his last meeting as Sheriff. He will be taking the position of County Administrator October 1. The committee also would like thank Sheriff Dreckman for all his work in Law Enforcement. The Governor will appoint a new Sheriff within the next few weeks.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas passed out wage information for the Corporal Positions. Some of the Corporals with one being affected more than others are experiencing some wage compression. Jailers that are newly hired or less experienced are earning close to what some of the Corporals make. This will need to be discussed at the Executive Meeting in October. The Executive Committee will be meeting tomorrow to discuss the Human Resources position that is currently vacant. The Human Resources Director will need to be involved in this decision.

Sheriff Dreckman passed 206-16.3 Public Nuisance Ordinance to the committee for review. The Sheriff would like this ordinance added. This ordinance focuses on the person living at a property as opposed to the owner of the property. Corporation Counsel has reviewed the ordinance. John Beinborn seconded by Adam Day made a motion to approve adding 206-16.3 Public Nuisance Ordinance. Motion carried.

The Camera System Server in the Jail needs to be upgraded. The current system is not compatible and does not have enough storage for video retention. IT Director Shane Drinkwater will compile some numbers as to what this will cost and bring this back to the committee next month.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas spoke to the committee about the cost to license Body Cams and In-Car Cameras. Motorola bought out WatchGuard and the fees have changed and the customer service is poor. The IT Department has requested quotes to replace these and go with a different company. There is still grant money available to offset the cost. The committee will be updated next month.

The Protective Status amounts taken out of the Jailer's income was incorrectly figured. Due to this, they owe money to the Wisconsin Retirement system and have to get extra taken out of their paycheck. Chief Deputy Klaas requested that they be able to sell some of their benefit pay like sick, compensatory, discretionary or vacation time to help pay this back. Some of them owe up to \$1,500.00. It was motioned by Rick and seconded by Bob that Jailers can sell up to 60 hours of benefit time to offset payment and the remaining balance be taken out at \$25.00 a pay period under the current procedure. Motion carried. This will be discussed at the Executive Committee in October.

Captain/Jail Administrator Craig Reukauf was present to speak about the Jail Pharmacy Provider. Under the new Electronic Medical Record Program called Sapphire, there is also the option of going through their Pharmacy as opposed to the local Pharmacy that the Jail currently uses. The cost savings would be

minimal and a back-up Pharmacy would also be needed. It was recommended by the committee to stay with Hometown Pharmacy in Lancaster.

Under the Radio Project Update, things are moving forward with only a few issues at the tower sites.

Under Personnel, there are two Female-Jailer positions open with one female in the background process.

There was no Training to discuss.

There were no Grants to discuss.

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

It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Gary Ranum to adjourn to Monday, October 14, 2024 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary
