

GRANT COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
DISASTER SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
GRANT COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
Lancaster, WI 53813  
October 14, 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: Gary Ranum, Rick Sanson, Adam Day, John Beinborn, Brian Lucey and Bob Keeney.

GUESTS: Sheriff Craig Reukauf; Chief Deputy Travis Klaas; Captain Todd Miller; County Administrator Nate Dreckman; Coroner Phyllis Fuerstenberg; Steve Braun, Emergency Management Director; Shane Drinkwater, Information Technology; Tonya White, County Clerk; The 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. Adam Day second by Rick Sanson approved the agenda. John Beinborn second by Gary Ranum approved the minutes from the September 9 meeting. All above motions carried.

There is no Public Forum to discuss.

The Committee would like to congratulate Craig Reukauf on being appointed Sheriff.

**Coroner:**

The radio has been installed in the new Coroner Van. Phyllis isn't sure what the cost is. There is money available in the current budget for this. There are increases in the per diems for the 2025 Budget due to increased calls.

It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Rick Sanson to approve the Coroner's 2025 Budget and send it on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

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

**Emergency Management:**

Emergency Management Director Steve Braun gave the Director's Report and updated the committee on trainings and grant applications. They are also in the progress of winterizing all their equipment and getting ready to auction off some equipment.

There has been a pause in the Code Red due to security issues. Shane Drinkwater has attempted to touch base with his contact person at Code Red and hasn't received a response. Steve will go over the contract they currently have with Code Red to see if the security issue can be resolved.

Steve is unsure of how long the Building Lease where he stores a majority of their equipment will be available. The new owners will eventually want to store their own equipment in the building. There was some discussion of a storage building eventually being constructed at the Community Services Building. The Sheriff's Office would like to expand their Impound Shed at the same time.

Steve will need to complete an evaluation before he is given a pay raise. He will complete this as soon as possible.

The increases in the Emergency Management 2025 Budget are due to the rent increase, lights and a reduction in state grants that are available. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Rick Sanson to approve the budget and send it on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Steve would like permission to apply for the EMPG/EPCRA Grants. It was motioned by Adam Day and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve these grant applications. Motion carried.

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

#### **Sheriff's Briefing:**

The monthly activity report was reviewed for the month of September. Inmate population was at 47 this morning. There were 41 male inmates and six female. Seven inmates are on the Electronic Monitoring Program. There are 16 sentenced inmates, nine waiting to be sentenced, 10 on Probation Holds and two serving their sentence in another county. There are currently two contract inmates.

The Sheriff's Office 2025 Budget was discussed. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Brian Lucey to approve the budget and send it on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried with Gary Ranum voting no.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas reviewed an addition of wording on the 206-16.3 Public Nuisance Ordinance that was approved last month. Adam Day seconded by Brian Lucey made a motion to approve the addition on the 206-16.3 Public Nuisance Ordinance with the approval of Corporation Counsel. Motion carried.

Quotes were reviewed for the CSB/Jail Camera and Server Update. The total cost for the upgrade will be \$45,800 and can be taken out of Jail Assessment. This will provide another five years before any additional upgrades will be needed. It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Rick Sanson to approve this and send it on to the Executive Committee. Motion carried. Adam Day abstained.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas would like to make a modification to the motion in regards to the Jailers selling benefit time to help covered the amount owed to the WRS. He would like the Jailers to be able to sell up to 80 hours of benefit time instead of 60 and also have no effect on their sick leave buyback at the end of the year. It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Gary Ranum to let the Jailers sell up to 80 hours of their benefit time and not have it affect their sick leave buyback at the end of the year. Motion carried with Adam Day voting no.

Under the Radio Project Update, things are moving forward with only a few issues and minor changes.

Under Personnel, there are two Female-Jailer positions open with two in the background process. There is also a Jail Administrator and Dispatcher position open.

Chief Deputy Travis Klaas would like the County Administrator to look at the Corporal position and wage compression for the 2025 year. It was motioned by John Beinborn and seconded by Rick Sanson to approve the County Administrator to look at the Corporal Position and wages for 2025. Motioned carried.

There was no Training to discuss.

Under Grants, there is a grant available to purchase body and squad cams. The committee will be updated next month.

The Sheriff's Office Invoices and Financials were presented. Rick Sanson second by John Beinborn made a motion to accept Financials. Motion carried. It was motioned by Gary Ranum and seconded by Rick Sanson to approve the invoices. Motion carried.

It was motioned by Bob Keeney and seconded by Rick Sanson to not have a meeting in November and to adjourn to Monday, December 9, 2024 at 9:00am. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rick Sanson, Secretary

Kelly Bird, Recording Secretary

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