

Joint meeting of the Juneau County Sheriff's Office and Jail Committee and the Juneau County Emergency Management Committee Minutes

May 1, 2023 at 9:00

Present: Howard Fischer, Steven Thomas, Judy Kennedy, Herb Dannenberg, Chris Zinforf, Andy Zobal, Zac Board, Gary Pedersen, Amanda Johnson and Elizabeth Geesaman

Sheriff's Office and Jail Committee Meeting was called to order by Howard Fischer

Emergency Management Committee Meeting called to order by Chris Zinforf

- EM Position – The current discussion is looking to move the Emergency Management Director preview under the scope and employ of the Sheriff's Office in regards to pay scale. The reclass for EM had passed county board but was not passed through the budget process. Currently the position is funded at approximately ¾ by grant funding. It is believed that this is funded on a sliding scale formula. The current remaining budget line for the county would be an approximately 20k – 30k increase. They are looking for a joint recommendation to hire EM as a lieutenant. As a provision the Emergency Management Committee would remain intact. The joint committee asked for there to be a job description and budgetary implications forward to the next meeting.
- Radios – EM Director Bonikowske and Sheriff Zobal recently attended a meeting in Stevens Point with L3 Harris and the Office of Emergency Communication, in regards to the County's radio system. Currently, Juneau County has approximately 485 radios, 165 mobile and 320 portable. With the proposed 700/800 system and if Wisconsin Assembly Bill LRB0912 and Senate bill SB218 pass, the county would be responsible for 20% of the costs of new radios, which is approximately 438k, 500k with installation and programming. No subscriber fees have been talked about, but state legislators could impose a fee per radio for folks to be on the new 700/800 system. The lifespan of public safety systems is approximately 10-12 years, so our current system is at end of life. The 700/800 system would be done in two phases. Phase one is the purchase of equipment, phase two would be equipment installation at the tower sites. This has a roll out date of 2025. The state will be responsible for the maintenance of equipment, the county would be responsible for structural costs associated with the towers we currently have at Wonewoc, Elroy, Necedah, Armenia and Mauston. We are currently attempting to have our system analyzed to determine the cause of the backlog issues. Those folks will be on-site at the end of May. Gencomm's antenna testing equipment is broken currently. Once they have that piece of equipment fixed, they will start doing an antenna sweep to find which antenna is currently bad on the analog side. The state is going to 700/800, however analog is still an option, however, this would come at a cost of approximately 3.2M. More discussion to follow.

Emergency Management Committee and Sheriff's Office and Jail Committee returned to their respective committee meetings

- Motion by approve the April meeting minutes with changes made by Thomas and seconded by Kennedy
- Motion to approve the financial statement made by Kennedy and seconded by Thomas
- Restraint Chairs – We are looking at new restraint chairs (SPAR system) and a WRAP system for in the jail. Each of the restraint chairs are \$3805.47. The WRAP system is a comprehensive mobility limiting device with a cost of \$4,062.12 and comes with an free in house use demonstration which includes shipping back if it is not purchased. Motion made by Kennedy and seconded by Thomas to approve the purchase of 2 restraint chairs and one WRAP system from the inmate fund at the discretion of the jail captain.
- Body Scanner Maintenance – table until next month
- Dispatch update – We have hired for the last open position. We have one trainee which was just released and another will be done in early June. Our last new hire will be done in July, we are still looking for another hire and then we should be at full staff and have the dispatch supervisor off of a regular dispatch rotation.
- Elroy – Sheriff Zobal met with the Elroy City council and is going to have a follow up meeting next week to get an overview of what contracted services may look like. They were given the cost of two officers at their cost, in addition to that of two new positions, two squads and equipment. We would absorb them because of

insurance. Current proposal is a five year contract with negotiations at three years. The proposal includes both 8 and 12 hour shifts at the same contracted rate.

- The previous approved cost did not include instillation. , just the radio. The cost will be approximately \$500 per vehicle to come from the LEAP grant, which is the same grant the radios came from. Motion by Kennedy and seconded by Thomas, pending approval by the Finance committee.

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Next meeting to be held June 5th at 9:00 in the Juneau County Sheriff's Office Conference Room

Minutes by Elizabeth Geesaman