

**FOREST COUNTY
SHERIFF AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: August 6th, 2018
Committee: Sheriff & Justice
Committee Members Present: Scott Shaffer, Judy Savard, George Stamper, Daniel Huettl, William Chaney
Sheriff: Sheriff Dennee
Chief Deputy: Alex Walrath
Other Appearances: Mark Pendergast, Barry Black, Lynn Black, Mike Miller, Bob & Karen Collins, Jim Landru, Dorothy Kegley, Jill Kettlewell, Nick Cottrell, Dakota Fatla, Jeff Collins, Charles Fralich, Josh Bradley, Jason Theune, Tom Tallier, Bob Collins, Karen Collins.

MEETING MINUTES

1. 4:30 p.m. Shaffer called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call
3. Motion by Stamper to approve the agenda as read at the discretion of the chairman. Seconded by Savard. Carried.
4. Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the July 2018 Sheriff & Justice Committee meeting. Seconded by Stamper. Carried.
5. Public comments on Agenda items. See individual items for more information.
6. Sheriff Dennee & JA Josh Bradley to Discuss Wage Increase for Jailers. Sheriff Dennee discussed the .80/hour raise that some courthouse employees received recently. Sheriff Dennee requested the Jail staff receive the same raise. Sheriff Dennee discussed the problems keeping employees. Jail Administrator Bradley advised he contacted approx. 40 agencies in the State of Wisconsin and the lowest top wage was \$20.35/hour. The top wage for Forest County Jail/Dispatch is \$18.57 / hour. JA Bradley and Sheriff Dennee discussed possible options to increase jail revenues to pay for a wage increase for staff. The Sheriff & Justice committee recommended bringing the matter back to the September meeting with more information on the revenue options.
7. Discuss Ammunition Purchase. Chief Deputy Walrath requests permission to order practice ammunition for the Sheriff's Office. Cost is \$1110.00 for 5 cases of 223, and 999.80 for 4 case of 45 ACP. Vender is Target Sports USA. Motion by Stamper to approve the purchase and a second by Savard. All in favor.
8. Quarterly Debt Collections. Chief Deputy Walrath advised Sheriff & Justice that the inmate debt collection amount is \$15,606.69 for the first quarter of 2018 and \$4580.44 for the second quarter of 2018.
9. Discuss an Additional K9 Unit. ie. Program/Cost. Sheriff Dennee advised Sheriff and Justice that the Sheriff's Office is in the process of implementing a second K-9 program. Sheriff Dennee advised the cost of a second K-9 is between \$20,937.00 and \$22,387.00. Sheriff Dennee advised the Sheriff's Office currently has \$24,998.70 in the K-9 account. These funds in the K-9 account are from donations and

money raising activities. The current K-9 has been completely funded by grants, donations and money raising activities.

10. Discuss Electrical Quote for 9 New Kiosks for the Jail. Jail Administrator Bradley requests permission to add a second Kiosk to each cell block to be used by inmates to order canteen. Adding a second kiosk will allow the inmates to order canteen and conduct visitations at the same time resulting in more jail revenue generated for the county. Motion by Huettl to put a second kiosk in the cell blocks. Second by Stamper, carried.
11. Discussion on Medical Marijuana. Mark Pendergast spoke to the Sheriff & Justice Committee asking that a resolution be sent to the full County Board on 08/21/18 reference medical marijuana referendum being on the November ballot. Jim Landru also advised that the Sokaogon Chippewa are in the process of developing the ability to grow and process hemp for medical purposes. Landru also discussed the possible revenue that could be generated from taxing the medical marijuana sales and production. Bob and Karen Collins stated they feel it should be legalized to treat cancer patients. Motion by Savard to forward a resolution to the full County Board. Second by Stamper, carried.
12. Discuss Repairs for Chief Deputy Squad Vehicle. Chief Deputy Walrath advised the Sheriff & Justice committee that his squad is starting to show rust. Chief Deputy Walrath stated his squad has approx. 50,000 miles on it and is in very good shape mechanically. Chief Deputy Walrath attempted to get several quotes for repairs but was only provided with one in the amount of \$2138.70. Motion by Chaney to approve the repair to the squad. Second by Savard, carried.
13. Approve School Requests, if any. None.
14. Motion by Stamper to approve vouchers from the month of July 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Savard. Carried.
15. Sokaogon Chippewa Representative. Jim Landru spoke briefly about the Sokaogon Chippewa representative. Jim stated he has not been named as the official representative but he would be willing to attend the meetings in the future.
16. Any other business that may lawfully come before the committee. None.
17. Future agenda items. None.
18. Motion by Chaney to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Huettl. Carried.