

**FOREST COUNTY  
SHERIFF AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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**Date:** April 1, 2019  
**Committee:** Sheriff & Justice  
**Committee Members Present:** Shaffer, Stamper, Savard, Huettl, Chaney  
**Sheriff:** Not present  
**Chief Deputy:** Alex Walrath  
**Other Appearances:** Deputy Collette, Dorothy Kegley

**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 March 2019 Sheriff & Justice Committee meeting. Seconded by Stamper. Carried.
5. Discuss Gang Task Force Funds for Donation to the Youth Prevention and Drug Task Force. Deputy Collette advised the Sheriff & Justice Committee that there was a Gang Task Force Initiative organized several years ago to combat the gang problem in Forest County. The committee has since dissolved leaving approx. \$6000 in a bank account. Deputy Collette stated he has received letters from Treasurer Daniels and Chairman McGeshick to put the money into an account to be used by the Youth/ Law Enforcement purposes. See attached letters. Motion by Chaney to put the money into an account and to be used by the Youth Prevention Officer for official duties, Second by Stamper. Carried.
6. Chief Deputy Walrath requests approval for equipment for the Youth Prevention position and the Drug Task Force Deputies. The items requested are basic Deputy gear from Chief Supply in the amount of \$964.89. Duty gear from Galls in the amount of \$198.97. Body cameras from Axon in the amount of \$4,373.70. Two cameras were paid from budget outlay, two for the Drug Task Force, one for the Youth Prevention and one for the Recreation Deputy position. Rifle parts were requested from Walrath Bullets LLC to attach to the AR-15 uppers that were received from the 10-33 program in the amount \$841.80. See invoices. A motion to approve purchase was made by Stamper and a second by Savard. Carried.
7. Public comments on agenda items. Chairman Tallier stated he has talked to Judge Stenz about courtroom security and they requested the Sheriff's Office bring the K-9's through the courthouse randomly. Chief Deputy Walrath advised Sheriff Dennee is working with the K-9 handlers to accomplish this. Chairman Tallier also spoke about the Sheriff's Office overtime was over budget for 2018. Chief Deputy Walrath advised that the Sheriff's Office runs minimum staffing for the most part. When an employee leaves, those positions have to be filled at the overtime wage until the position is filled. A new hiring process takes a couple months to complete and then the employee requires a couple months of field training. In 2018 there was a Deputy that took 3 months FMLA leave, one Patrol Deputy retired and two Patrol Deputies quit. In the Jail four Corrections Officer took jobs or positions elsewhere.
8. Approve school requests. None.

9. Motion by Stamper to approve vouchers from the month of March 2019 as submitted. Seconded by Huettl. Carried.
10. Any other business that may lawfully come before the committee.
11. Future agenda items. None.
12. Motion by Chaney to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Savard. Carried.