

COMMITTEE: SHERIFF & JUSTICE
DATE: 04/04, 2022
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Stamper called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Stamper, Chaney, Laabs

Absent: Dailey, Matuszewski

Others present: Ron Skallerud, Alex Walrath, Christy Conley

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Laabs to approve the agenda as presented, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 4, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2022 meeting, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON BUDGET TRANSFERS/PURCHASES

None

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON INMATE ELECTRONIC MONITORING

Sheriff Skallerud advised that due to increased costs of medical coverage for inmate health care he has been researching the electronic bracelet monitoring system. Sheriff Skallerud also advise there is the possibility of placing Huber inmates on the electronic bracelet possibly saving Forest County inmate costs and possibly generating revenue for the county. The committee recommends to continue the research into the program.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON MENTAL HEALTH SCREENER

Sheriff Skallerud advised the committee of the costs associated with having a mental health screener available at the jail. Sheriff Skallerud advised that he potentially has a former Forest County employee that meets the educational requirements. Sheriff Skallerud will be researching a way to utilized the person on an as needed basis for the jail.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON ACH BILLING

Sheriff Skallerud advised that the new inmate medical provider Advanced Correctional Health Care wants to sign a 3-year contract for medical services in the jail. Sheriff Skallerud advised that the contract can also be terminated with a 30-day termination notice. Also, Skallerud advised that he received information that Advanced Correctional Health Care would be adding a 2% fee to their billing if their invoices were not paid electronically. Skallerud stated he investigated

this and found that ACH would accept a check as long as the invoice is paid on time. Christy Conley advised that the bill could be paid with an EFT account.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON UPDATING OLDER 911 EQUIPMENT

Sheriff Skallerud advised that some of the new Central Square 911 equipment will not work with the old modems and Frontier equipment. Sheriff Skallerud explained that the current modems have been going off-line regularly and found out one was bad. The current modem is not manufactured any longer but one was found on E-bay. Two were also purchased from the Florence Co. Sheriff's Office. Skallerud advised that AT&T won the state bid for 911 systems in Wisconsin and will be sending a technician to evaluate our system. There could be possible fees associated.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT WITH IRON COUNTY MICHIGAN.

Sheriff Skallerud advised the committee that counties that are within 6 miles of another state should have a mutual aid agreement with that state. Skallerud provided the committee with a draft of a mutual aid agreement between Forest Co WI and Iron Co. Michigan. See mutual aid agreement draft. Motion by Chaney to forward the mutual aid agreement draft to the full county board as a resolution, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

UPDATE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATION/CELL PHONE TECHNOLOGY

Sheriff Skallerud advised the Verizon cell phones and two-way radio coverage in Forest Co. is lacking. Sheriff Skallerud stated he contacted 1st Net who works with AT&T. Skallerud advised the 1st Net coverage is much better in Forest Co and provided a map of new AT&T towers and partially built towers in Forest Co. Skallerud then advised that he met with 1st Net about the phones and was also given information about body cameras and 2-way radio systems.

APPROVE SCHOOL/TRAINING/TRAVEL REQUESTS

None.

APPROVE MARCH VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Chaney to approve vouchers from the month of March 2022 as submitted, seconded by Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Sheriff Skallerud advised he has some potential ideas for a secure corridor from the Jail to the Courthouse and an elevator to get inmates up to the courtroom.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Stamper to adjourn, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Sheriff & Justice meeting.