

COMMITTEE: SHERIFF & JUSTICE
DATE: 08/07/2023
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: William Chaney, Tom Tallier, Luke Peterson, Dave Campbell, Brian Piasini

Absent:

Others present: Jeffery Marvin, Alex Walrath, Ron Skallerud

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Tallier to add “approve July vouchers for payment” in the #12 position, second by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 3, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Piasini to approve the minutes of the July 3, 2023 meeting, second by Peterson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

SHERIFF AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Tom Tallier asked Sheriff Marvin his opinion about how the legalization of marijuana in the states surround Wisconsin will affect the Forest Co. Sheriff’s Office.

William Chaney asked Sheriff Marvin if the Sheriff’s Office has policies pertaining to how Rescue Squads are dispatched.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PURCHASE OF PEPPERBALLS.

Chief Deputy Walrath advised that a pepper ball gun package was ordered in 2022 and has just arrived. Walrath requests to pay for the package with money from the prisoner expenditure account. Total cost for the guns, air tanks, and ammunition is \$2760.75. Motion by Piasini to approve the purchase and seconded by Chaney. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION FOR PURCHASE OF A CAGE FOR SQUAD 20.

Chief Deputy Walrath advised the committee that the Youth Prevention grant will be expiring in the end of August and there is a vehicle for that position. Walrath requests to purchase a partition for the vehicle and put it into the patrol fleet. Cost of a partition, window protectors, and installation is approx. \$3280.00. Walrath advised there is money available in the vehicle reserve account. Motion by Campbell to purchase the items and seconded by Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ON TOWERS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANNELS.

Chaney advised he was told that the Crandon Area Rescue cannot hear the Laona Rescue Unit on their two-way radios. Chaney requested the agenda item to discuss the issue. Emergency Management Director Steph Montgomery, Sheriff Marvin and Ron Skallerud advised the committee how the current radio system works and how a Simulcast system works. Estimated cost of a Simulcast system would be 5 million. No action.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING A PART TIME SECRETARY.

Sheriff Marvin advised the committee that the Law Enforcement Secretary of the Sheriff's Office is overwhelmed and needs assistance. Sheriff Marvin advised there has only been one secretary that processes all the complaints, citation, and civil process matters since he started at the Sheriff's Office. The volume of complaints, additional Deputies work, and technological advancements that require information be sent to the District Attorney's office has increased substantially. Chaney advised Sheriff Marvin to write a cost estimate for a part time secretary and bring them to the upcoming budget meetings. No action.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TRAINING REQUESTS, IF ANY

None.

APPROVE JULY VOUCHERS FOR PAYMENT

Motion by Campbell to approve vouchers from the month of July 2023 as submitted, seconded by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Discussion on electronic inmate monitoring program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Tallier to adjourn, second by Piasini. 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.