

Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee

Meeting Minutes for December 9, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Larry Ziembo, Sheriff Jack Kay, Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels, and Ron Bohn. Fred Parent was absent.

Visitors: Kaaron Keene of Memorial Hospital

Press: Brian Wilson of The Star News

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, December 9, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room.

Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on November 11, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, January 13, 2006 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT:

AMBULANCE BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on contract regarding ambulance coverage in Towns of Hill & Spirit: Ron Bohn distributed copies of the contract that was drafted by Memorial Hospital's attorney at the direction of Corporation Counsel Everett Hale. Bohn explained that the hospital will bill the townships and collect the money, which will be put into a separate line item in the ambulance budget, thus lessening the County's annual subsidy. After some discussion, motion by Seidl to approve the contract as drafted, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on status of Rib Lake First Responders: A letter was sent to the sheriff's department indicating that the unit was suspending operations effective November 13, 2005. Daniels advised that Emergency Government Director Bill Breneman received a call asking that all of the unit's equipment be picked up, which was done this week. Bohn advised there are four other people that were part of the unit who want to continue as first responders, so Bohn plans to develop a new unit in the Rib Lake area. Daniels suggested it would be appropriate for this Committee to send a letter of thanks to the unit for their many years of service and Seidl volunteered to draft the letter on behalf of the Committee.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on jail medical services proposal: Daniels explained that the proposal from Health Professionals, LTD would provide weekly doctor visits, 24 hour telephone assistance, and all prescriptions for the inmates at a fixed cost of \$37,000 per year, based on a population of 50 inmates. He said the jail has contracted with the Medford Clinic for these services for the past 5-6 years and has no complaints about their service. He said

using this service will save money for the County and will reduce the amount of visits by the County's nursing department. Seidl said he wanted the proposal reviewed by the corporation counsel, but Sheriff Kay explained this was just a proposal and the contract would come next. Motion by Seidl to accept the proposal subject to a review of the contract by Corporation Counsel Hale, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on personnel status: Daniels advised that Deputy Shannon Tollefson is back from his military deployment in Iraq and will be returning to work on January 1st. He said he has also been told by a deputy and a corrections officer that they will be retiring in March of 2006, but he has nothing in writing yet from these individuals. He asked the Committee for guidance on what to do with the employee that was hired to fill Tollefson's position while he was deployed. After some discussion, Daniels asked for an extension of that deputy's employment from January 1st to January 13th (the next meeting of this Committee) so he could present the Committee with more information regarding this issue and he was advised he could proceed as requested.

Discuss/act on advertising/acceptance of annual squad car bids: Daniels asked for authorization to proceed with advertising for bids for the leasing of four 2006 squads and he was instructed to do so.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Annual sworn officer in-service: Daniels explained that all officers are required to obtain 24 hours of training per year and the department plans to conduct this training in-house in 2006, which will save quite a bit of money.

Recent grant for purchase/installation of squad lighting: The department was awarded a Homeland Security grant in the approximate amount of \$18,000, which was used to purchase new LED light bars for the marked squad cars. These new light bars are more efficient and have a lower profile, which will save on gas mileage.

Update on Lake Esadore fire/ambulance repeater: The lead wire on the Esadore repeater is down and the Rib Lake repeater is down entirely. Approximately \$7,700.00 of a Public Health Bio-Terrorism grant that was awarded to the Health Department will be used toward the cost of repairing this equipment.

Purchase of digital camera equipment: The department currently uses 35mm cameras, but the cost of purchasing and developing 35mm film is getting high and it requires more labor cost than digital pictures. The department has budgeted for this purchase and 13 cameras have been purchased at a cost of \$2,700.00.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for November. Motion by Seidl, second by Ziembo to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Seidl to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 AM, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

November 11, 2005

Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Fred Parent, Sheriff Jack Kay, Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels, and Ron Bohn. Larry Ziembo was absent.

Visitors: Deputy Chad Liske and K-9 Cochise, Bruce Strama

Press: Luke Klink of The Star News

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, November 11, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room.

Motion by Parent, second by Werner to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on September 9, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, December 9, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn:

Discuss/act on request from Northeastern Taylor County Ambulance Service Area Committee to divert funds for maintenance of existing Rib Lake ambulance garage:

This committee asked Bohn to present a request to divert some of the approximately \$7,300 subsidy from the Towns of Hill and Spirit (Price County) for ambulance service to help pay for heating the current Rib Lake ambulance garage this winter. Sweda said they are already being given an extra \$500 in garage rental fees. Parent said we shouldn't short the ambulance fund to pay for this and he considers this a ploy to get additional funding from the County. Seidl said the County will also experience an increase in fuel expenses due to the additional coverage area. Motion by Seidl to deny the request, second by Parent. All in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on revisions to Animal Control Regulations ordinance: Bruce Daniels explained that the ordinance has been amended to include all animals, not just dogs. In the past it has been frustrating for law enforcement to take action regarding stray animals because the current ordinance did not address cows, horses, etc. The other change to the ordinance was to delete the exact dollar amounts of the assessments in the deposit schedule. This was done because the assessment amounts change quite frequently and it would be difficult to keep the ordinance current. Daniels said the district attorney has reviewed the amended ordinance and given his approval. Motion by Seidl to adopt the ordinance as amended, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Demonstration by K-9 Cochise and Deputy Chad Liske: Deputy Liske introduced Cochise and thanked the committee for their support of the K-9 program. Cochise is a 3 ½ year old German Shepherd who came from the Netherlands. He is trained to detect five types of narcotics, for patrol, apprehensions, and tracking. He is a passive indicative dog, which means he is not aggressive when he finds something. He will simply find the item (drugs or person) and sit and stare at it, which will greatly decrease any liability issues. Parent asked if the dog could search vehicles and Liske explained there has been a recent Supreme Court ruling that allows K-9s to walk around vehicles without consent, which doesn't violate any rights. Sweda asked about the cost of the dog and Daniels explained the dog and training were paid for with donations and approximately \$2,500 is budgeted annually for maintenance costs (vet bills, food, etc.). Liske said there are eight K-9 dogs in this area which all came from the same kennel and were trained the same way and they will complete their annual training together.

Increase of juvenile detention center rates: The Portage County Juvenile Detention Center sent a letter to all law enforcement agencies advising of a rate increase for juvenile detention beds from \$130 to \$135 per day.

Upcoming management training for chief deputy: Sheriff Kay advised he will be sending Chief Deputy Daniels to the National FBI Academy in Quantico, VA for 10 weeks of training for law enforcement administrators. The cost of the course, travel, housing, and meals while at Quantico will be paid entirely by the federal government. Only 1% of those who apply are accepted and no one from Taylor County has ever attended this program. Daniels will begin this training on January 8, 2006.

Report on squad placement: Daniels distributed a list of the current squads in the department, including what officer is assigned to them and what township the officer lives in. Sweda said he and Seidl have talked about forming an adhoc committee to review the vehicles owned by the County.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for September and October. Motion by Werner, second by Seidl to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Parent to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 AM, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

September 9, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Larry Ziembo, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Sheriff Jack Kay, Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels, and Ron Bohn. Fred Parent was absent

Visitors: Michele Ruesch, Lester Lewis, and Nick Synol

Press: Brian Wilson of The Star News

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, September 9, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room.

Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on July 8, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, October 14, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn:

Discuss/act on request from Town of Hill (Price Co.) to expand ambulance coverage from 5 sections to 8 sections: The township would like to add sections 32, 33, and 34 to the already approved coverage area because there is a question of timely response to these areas by the Prentice Ambulance. Bohn said both townships (Hill and Spirit) have agreed to the yearly subsidy amounts (\$4,024.43 for Spirit and \$3,291.16 for Hill) and Everett Hale will draft the necessary contracts which would be effective 01/01/06. Bohn said adding these areas won't increase call time and more runs will equal more revenue for the County. Motion by Seidl, second by Ziembo to approve the request to add sections 32, 33, and 34 to the Rib Lake ambulance coverage area. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on sale of 1989 ambulance: This vehicle has been in storage for a few years at the County Highway Shop and Bohn has a prospective buyer who has offered \$2,500.00 for it. The buyer would have to sign a letter of agreement to remove the lettering and change the lights on the vehicle. Seidl questioned who authorized the vehicle to be parked by the highway with a "for sale" sign in it, because according to statute, the sale of the vehicle must be done by the bid process. Bohn said he had no idea who authorized it and he was not responsible. Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels said he assumed (after reading the County Code) that the sale of County property was delegated to the county clerk. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to remove the "for sale" sign from the ambulance and put it up for bids with a minimum bid of \$2,500. All in favor, motion carried. Bohn asked what the bid process entailed and he was advised to place an ad in the local newspaper and to check with Everett Hale regarding specifics.

Discuss/act on sale of 1992 ambulance: This ambulance is valued between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and Bohn was directed to place this unit up for bids in the same ad as the 1989 unit. Motion by Seidl, second by Ziembo to advertise the 1992 ambulance for sale with a minimum bid of \$10,000 and if no bids are received, to try another way of selling the unit (i.e. auction). All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on 2006 budget: Bohn distributed a breakdown of the 2006 budget. Michele Ruesch explained that they anticipate an increase in revenue due to more runs. She advised that last year the budget came with an increase of less than 1%, but this year the increase is 3.54%. She said part of the increase is due to a 3.5% increase in salaries and an increase in "on call" pay from \$1.55 to \$1.75 per hour. Additionally, the cost of garage rental for the five ambulance slots (three in Medford, one in Rib Lake, and one in Gilman) will be increased from \$500 to \$1,000 per year. Seidl commented that regardless of the numbers, the County is obligated to pay the subsidy. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the 2006 ambulance budget. All in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on 2006 budget: Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels distributed a breakdown of the 2006 budget. After a lengthy review, he advised that the administrative budget increase is 3.5% (.7% excluding already negotiated wage increases) and the jail budget increase is 4.3% (1.3% excluding already negotiated wage increases). Sheriff Kay said the overall increase to the entire department's budget is 3.9%. Motion by Werner, second by Ziembo to approve the budget as drafted and forward it to the Budget Review Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on resolution regarding retirement of Deputy Jerry Anderson: Seidl read the resolution to the Committee. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the resolution as drafted. All in favor, motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT:

Status of K-9 program: Chief Deputy Daniels explained that back in 2003 this Committee approved proceeding with the process of purchasing and training a new K-9 dog. He advised that Deputy Chad Liske has been appointed as the new K-9 handler and will begin a five week training program with a new dog on 9/26/05. Sheriff Kay noted the money to pay for the purchase of the K-9 has all been donated and no taxpayer dollars will be spent. Seidl asked if the Medford Police Department was getting a K-9 dog and Sheriff Kay advised that nothing had been budgeted for one in 2006.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for July and August. Motion by Seidl, second by Ziembo to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Ziembo to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 AM, second by Seidl. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

July 8, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Sheriff Jack Kay, and Ron Bohn

Visitors: Jim Metz, Lester Lewis, Bruce Strama, Doug Polacek, Mike Wudi, Ed Schlosser, Joe Knorn, Lynette Binns, Greg Roraff, and Patty Krug

Press: Paula Liske of WKEB, Brian Wilson of The Star News

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, July 8, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Board Room.

Motion by Parent, second by Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on May 13, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, August 12, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn:

Discuss/act on request to provide ambulance coverage for portions of Towns of Hill & Spirit (Price Co.): Bohn advised it will cost approximately \$3,370.00 to outfit the Price County dispatch console with the necessary equipment to dispatch the Rib Lake ambulance in these areas, which would be \$1,685.00 per township. The Town of Spirit approved paying this amount at their last meeting and if this is approved, would like to see it go into effect on January 1, 2006. The Town of Hill has not yet discussed the issue at any of their meetings. Motion by Seidl, second by Ziembo to table this item until a response is received from the Town of Hill. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on Northeastern Taylor County ambulance garage: Doug Polacek and Mike Wudi advised that the Rib Lake ambulance service serves approximately 3000 people. The EMTs asked for improvements to the ambulance garage and a study committee was formed to look into the issue. The present building (a pole building converted to commercial use) was purchased in 1998. An energy consultant and an architectural engineer looked at the building and advised it would take approximately \$35,000 to bring the building up to code, which is probably not worth it. The study committee would like someone from the County Board to sit on the committee. A discussion was had on how ambulance service is provided in the County and who is responsible for paying for it. Greg Roraff of Memorial Hospital agreed that the present garage is a problem and said the hospital and the County have an interest in building a new garage. He also said recruitment of EMTs is a problem in the County and believes it would help to have a new building for the EMTs to meet in and train in. It was concluded that Board Chairman Jim Metz will appoint someone from the County Board to join the Rib Lake ambulance garage study committee.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on Circle B annual report/contract: Lynette Binns of Circle B distributed and explained her annual report. She then asked for an increase in fees as follows: Dog housing from \$9.00/day to \$10.00/day, cat housing from \$5.00/day to \$5.50/day, and labor cost from \$10.00/hour to \$11.00/hour. She advised it has been approximately 4-5 years since the rates have been increased. It was also discussed that the mileage rate language should be changed to "current IRS mileage rate" to avoid having to change the contract whenever the rate changes. Parent said he was impressed with the adoption rates shown on the annual report and commended Binns for her work. Bruce Strama indicated the 2004 revenue from dog licenses was \$11,900.00 and the total paid to Circle B for animal impoundment services was \$8,600.00. Motion by Seidl to approve the requested rate increases, second by Parent. All in favor, motion carried. Further discussion was had about the term of the contract and a motion was made by Seidl to change the dates and have the contract run from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on proposed ordinance regarding body piercing and tattooing: Patty Krug explained that in order for the County to retain the entirety of forfeitures paid as a result of citations issued for violations of these State statutes, County ordinances need to be created. She said there have been problems with unlicensed individuals giving body piercings and tattoos in the County and there really has been no way to prosecute them. She said both ordinances have been reviewed and approved by the district attorney. Seidl said he wanted uniformity in the use of the word "patron" in the ordinance. He also pointed out that the tobacco ordinance doesn't define "minor" in the definition section. Krug indicated she would make those changes to the ordinances. Motion by Seidl to approve the ordinances as amended, second by Ziembo. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on proposed ordinance regarding prevention of sales or gifts of tobacco products to minors: See above paragraph for details

Review/approve draft of amended ordinance regarding charges for housing out of county inmates (approved at 12/17/04 meeting): The ordinance was signed by the Committee and will be forwarded to the full Board.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Kay advised that the new squads have been delivered and Chief Deputy Daniels was in the process of getting them ready for the road. Some discussion was also had on the new Supreme Court rule regarding recording of all interviews of juveniles in custody.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for May and June. Motion by Werner, second by Parent to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Parent to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 AM, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

May 23, 2005

Joint Personnel & Law Enforcement Committee Meeting

Chairman Fred Parent called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. in the Ground Floor Sheriff's Department Conference Room. Those present were Lester Lewis, Jim Seidl, Joe Sweda, John Werner III, Larry Ziembo, Attorney John Prentice, Jack Kay, and Bruce Daniels.

Approve agenda. It was moved by Seidl, seconded by Werner to approve the agenda with four items on it. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried.

Closed Session. It was moved by Seidl, seconded by Lewis to go into Closed Session at 12:21 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c)(f) and (g) to consider employment, performance of an employee; consider discipline of an employee and preliminary consideration of personnel problems and the investigation of charges against specific persons, and (3), consult with legal counsel which the County is likely to become involved in. A roll call vote was taken with six members voting aye. The motion carried.

Open Session. It was moved by Sweda, seconded by Lewis to go into Open Session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.83 to take any necessary action on the matter discussed in Closed Session at 12:43 p.m. A roll call vote was taken with six members voting aye. The motion carried.

It was moved by Sweda, seconded by Werner to adjourn at 12:43 p.m. A unanimous vote cast, the motion carried

Marie Koerner, Secretary

May 23, 2005

Special Meeting Minutes

Law Enforcement Committee members present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Jim Seidl, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, and John Werner. Also present was Sheriff Jack Kay.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairman Joe Sweda in the Conference Room of the Taylor County Sheriff's Department. Motion by Parent, second by Seidl to recess until the arrival of the first interviewee. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Parent, second by Werner to reconvene and go into CLOSED SESSION at 9:30 AM, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of conducting oral interviews of applicants for the deputy eligibility list. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to reconvene into OPEN SESSION at 12:00 PM, pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.83. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to certify the list of those interviewed. All in favor, motion carried.

A combined meeting of this Committee and the Personnel Committee was then held in the same location. See the minutes of the Personnel Committee for details on this part of the meeting.

Motion by Sweda, second by Werner to adjourn the meeting at 12:43 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Jack D. Kay, Acting Secretary

May 13, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Sheriff Jack Kay, Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels, and Ron Bohn

Visitors: Mark Stanton of Aramark, Sue Sackmann, Kaaron Keene, and District Attorney Karl Kelz

Press: Brian Wilson of The Star News

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, May 13, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the training room of the sheriff's department.

Motion by Werner, second by Parent to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on April 15, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, June 10, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn:

Discuss/act on request to provide ambulance coverage for Towns of Hill & Spirit (Price Co.): Bohn distributed maps of the requested coverage area and based on equalized property values, the cost to provide this coverage would be \$6,240.37/year in Spirit and \$5,075.72/year in Hill. He said Rib Lake would also have to have a second ambulance if these areas were added. Parent said the County can't afford to purchase another ambulance. Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to deny this request. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on request to provide ambulance coverage for portions of Towns of Hill & Spirit (Price Co.): Bohn explained that based on equalized property values, the cost to provide this coverage would be \$2,339.43/year in Spirit and \$1,307.80/year in Hill. He spoke with Price County Chief Deputy Tim Gould who told him Price County could either dispatch those calls to the Taylor County dispatcher or a button could be put on their dispatch console to page out the Rib Lake ambulance directly, but that would have to be paid for by the townships or Taylor County. Bohn said the telephone company probably wouldn't be willing to work on changing the routing of the extensions to Taylor County. Bruce Daniels said it makes sense to have Price County dispatch the ambulance directly because their dispatchers know the roads in the area. The Committee advised Bohn to take this information back to the townships and see what they are willing to do. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to table any decision on this item until Bohn talks with the townships again. All in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on proposed noise ordinance: Seidl explained that he originally drafted this proposed ordinance in response to a range shooting incident that occurred between

neighbors west of Miller Dam several years ago. District Attorney Kelz said he disagreed with the proposed ordinance because there is already a "disorderly conduct" ordinance on the books that would cover unreasonably loud noise violations. Daniels said there is also an excessive noise ordinance that could be used. Kelz said any County ordinance wouldn't pertain to other municipalities (i.e. City of Medford, Villages of Gilman and Rib Lake) that already have such ordinances in effect. He also said the proposed draft is so definitive that it would be difficult to prosecute and unless law enforcement bought sound measuring equipment, it would be difficult to prove these types of cases in court. He also said he didn't know if anyone could ever define "noise". Seidl asked why citizens have to file complaints about noise and Sheriff Kay explained that in order to proceed through court, statements are needed from those who are disturbed by the noise and most times, people don't want to give statements. Werner commented that law enforcement has more important things to do than this. Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to table this item and Seidl will talk to Medford Chief Ted Bever about better enforcement of the current city ordinance regarding this issue. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on agreement with Aramark regarding preparation of Price County meals: Mark Stanton of Aramark explained that they have been asked by Price County to prepare meals for their inmates and Aramark is willing to pay Taylor County .20/Price County meal to cover the cost of using Taylor County's kitchen and equipment. This would be approximately 60 meals per day (lunch and dinner) for a total revenue to Taylor County of approximately \$4,200 per year. A copy of a "letter of agreement" was reviewed which would attach to the present contract between Aramark and Taylor County. After some discussion, Sheriff Kay suggested that a paragraph be added to the contract indicating that either party can cancel the agreement with 60 days notice. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the letter of agreement with the addition of the "out" clause. All in favor, motion carried.

Set date for oral interview of deputy applicants: Interviews will be held on Monday, May 23, 2005 beginning at 9:00 AM.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Chief Deputy Daniels advised that a new female jailer will be starting on Monday, May 23, 2005.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for April. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Parent to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM, second by Seidl. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

April 15, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Sheriff Jack Kay, Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels, and Ron Bohn

Visitors: Spirit Town Chairman Darrel Lind and Kaaron Keene (VP of Nursing at Memorial Health Center)

Press: None

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, April 15, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Boardroom.

Motion by Ziembo, second by Werner to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on March 11, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, May 13, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn:

Discuss/act on request from Towns of Hill & Spirit (Price Co.) for ambulance coverage: Spirit Chairman Darrell Lind explained their request and that the Rib Lake Fire Department already responds to the area directly around Spirit Lake. It takes the Prentice Ambulance approximately 30 minutes to respond to this area while it only takes the Rib Lake Ambulance approximately 6-7 minutes. Ron Bohn said he sent a request to Century Telephone regarding which residences have the 427 exchange in the area, but he has yet to receive a response. He said he believes 35% of the residences have the 427 exchange and their calls go to Taylor County dispatch. The fees for this service would be based on an equalized property value of .17 per 1000 and payment would have to be by contract. Parent said he still believes granting this request would be opening a can of worms. Sweda agreed, but said perhaps Rib Lake Ambulance could cover the same area as the Rib Lake Fire Department. Sweda said he wants to see more information regarding which residences have the 427 exchange before any decision is reached. Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to table this issue for further research. All in favor, motion carried. Bohn was instructed to come back with a map showing the requested coverage area as well as the residences with 427 exchange numbers and the financial impact of this request to the County. Bruce Daniels also suggested that Darrel Lind check with the Price County Sheriff's Department regarding the dispatch issues.

Discuss/act on request from Wausau Critical Care Transport Teams to rent ambulance: This team only has one ambulance and would like to contract to rent one of Medford's ambulances in the event theirs is out of service. They would pay \$100/day for the first two days and \$200/day thereafter. They would also pay for fuel and liability insurance while using our ambulance. In addition, if they put over 500 miles on the ambulance in any day, they would pay \$200/day. Bohn said Medford has three ambulances and it would not be a problem to be without one for this purpose. He also said he believes the team is looking to other counties as well to obtain rental contracts. Motion by Parent, second by Seidl to approve this request. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on request from Town of Bern (Marathon Co.) for ambulance coverage: Bruce Daniels explained he was approached by Bern Supervisor Gordon Rietz about providing coverage for residents who live on Willow Avenue, Lekie Drive, and Gad Road because they are closer to Medford and their 911 calls go to Taylor County dispatch. Daniels said Rietz would like to conduct a survey of the residents regarding this issue. Motion by Parent, second by Seidl to table this request until further information is provided. All in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on draft of amended Animal Control Ordinance: Daniels explained that the current ordinance only addresses dogs at large and broader language was needed to allow law enforcement to cite in situations regarding other animals (horses, cows, pigs, etc.). Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the ordinance as amended and forward it to the full County Board. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on letter of retirement from Deputy Jerry Anderson: Daniels explained that an official letter has not yet been submitted, but Anderson has verbally indicated his desire to retire effective June 8, 2005 and to have any remaining benefits paid to him in one lump sum. Daniels said payments have been made this way in the past, but he was unsure how to proceed. Motion by Seidl, second by Parent that if it is legal and in accordance with County Code and the labor contract, the benefits be paid to Anderson in one lump sum. All in favor, motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Daniels reported there are presently 58 inmates in the jail, 16 of which are Price County transfers and 2 of which are Lincoln County transfers. He also advised that District Attorney Kelz was unavailable to attend today's meeting to discuss the anti-noise ordinance due to a jury trial.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for March. Motion by Parent, second by Werner to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Ziembo to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

March 11, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Sheriff Jack Kay, Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels, and Ron Bohn

Visitors: Kaaron Keene (VP of Nursing at Memorial Health Center)

Press: Brian Wilson of The Star News

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, March 11, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Boardroom.

Motion by Parent, second by Seidl to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on February 11, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, April 15, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn:

Discuss/act on request from Towns of Hill & Spirit (Price Co.) to provide ambulance coverage in these areas: Bohn met with representatives of both townships on February 24, 2005 to obtain information and was told the area is now being served by the Prentice ambulance service, but they are looking for a different service to save money. Bohn said the main concern in taking over the area would be the distances involved. The call volume for the areas is 3-6 calls per year, not including motor vehicle crashes. He said he also met with the Rib Lake ambulance team on March 8, 2005 and they feel that taking over service in these areas would not be difficult. Bohn said there is a shortage of EMTs in the Rib Lake area; they currently have 9 and 2 who are waiting for test results to get their license, but ideally they should have 16. He said if this request were to go forward, he would see if some of the EMTs in Price County would be willing to work for the Rib Lake service. Bohn said the only additional cost for taking on service in these areas would be \$500.00 per year for garage rental for a second ambulance and maintenance costs of the second ambulance. He said insurance would also increase \$842.00 per year, unless the old Gilman ambulance that isn't being used could be sold. He said he also found that the ambulance services in Price County are paid for based on an equalized value of property. At the present rate, Spirit would have to pay \$6,240.37 and Hill would have to pay \$5,075.72 to Taylor County to cover their areas.

Sweda commented that if this request is approved, it would "open a can of worms" and other surrounding townships in other counties may make the same request. Bohn said another township has already begun asking questions regarding this issue. Seidl suggested that Price County be contacted to find out how they feel about this request. Bohn explained that Price County does not subsidize the ambulance services in their county like Taylor County does, as the services (Prentice/Phillips/Park Falls) are all privately owned and contract with the county. Seidl asked what affect this would have on the Prentice ambulance service and Bohn said that of the 12 municipalities Prentice serves, 6 are looking for cheaper providers.

Bruce Daniels commented that dispatching of ambulances to these areas could be quite confusing because calls would most likely go first to Price County's dispatcher and then have

to be transferred to Taylor County's dispatcher. Bohn agreed that this could cause problems and potentially add several minutes to the process.

Bohn said the Spirit and Hill representatives also asked if, in the event their request is denied, the Rib Lake ambulance could at least cover the area around Spirit Lake, which is approximately 4-6 square miles, as this area is closer for Rib Lake to respond to than Prentice. Seidl asked if it was possible to ascertain specifically which calls from the Spirit Lake area go directly to the Taylor County dispatcher and Bohn said he would look into it.

Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to table this item for further study. All in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/act on proposed noise ordinance: Sheriff Kay advised the district attorney was unable to be present today due to a family emergency, but he reviewed the proposed ordinance and feels it is too restrictive. He also told Kay it is very duplicative of the current disorderly conduct ordinance, which he can already prosecute any noise complaints under. The new ordinance would also require the purchase of expensive equipment and prosecution would be difficult. Seidl said he didn't understand why it would be harder to prosecute with a more specific ordinance versus a general one. Kay also advised that the City of Medford has its own ordinance regarding noise, which could not be superseded by any County ordinance. Motion by Seidl, second by Ziembo to table this item until the district attorney could be present to address it. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on quotes received for new 2005 squads: Daniels said an annual lease quote of \$7,226.90 per vehicle was received from Ewald Automotive in Oconomowoc versus an annual lease quote of \$7,453.93 per vehicle from Medford Motors, for a difference of \$227.03 per vehicle. He also said he received quotes on SUVs, but they were cost prohibitive. Parent said we should deal locally whenever possible and the cost of picking up the vehicles in Oconomowoc would far exceed the \$227.03 price difference. Motion by Parent, second by Werner to accept the quote from Medford Motors. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on submission of wireless 911 grant application: Daniels explained that he had hoped to have something in writing ready for this meeting, but he has been unable to get any answers from the various cell phone companies. He said he was advised by Sprint that they plan to put a tower in the Medford area soon, but it will not provide full coverage to the entire county. After some discussion, it was concluded that this issue will simply have to wait until the technology is in place to facilitate the plan.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Bruce Daniels advised that Larry Woebeking was recently promoted to a sergeant position and Steve Bowers was recently promoted to a detective position.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for February. Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Parent to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 AM, second by Werner. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

February 11, 2005

Present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, John Werner, Jim Seidl, Sheriff Jack Kay, and Chief Deputy Bruce Daniels

Visitors: Dave Bizer, Paul Hoffmann, Robert Maxwell, Michele Ruesch, Jim Metz, and Bruce Strama

Press: Brian Wilson of The Star News arrived at 10:09 AM

The regular monthly meeting of the Taylor County Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Committee was called to order by Chairman Joe Sweda on Friday, February 11, 2005 at 10:00 AM in the County Boardroom.

Motion by Parent, second by Werner to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting held on December 17, 2004 and the special meeting held on January 27, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 11, 2005 at 10:00 AM** in the County Board Room.

CITIZEN INPUT: Robert Maxwell advised he had a complaint about an employee of the sheriff's department, specifically a jailer. He explained that he made an anonymous 911 call to the sheriff's department on November 20, 2004 regarding the presence of minors in a tavern. He said that shortly thereafter he took a lot of "heat" for being the one who called and he discovered that a jailer at the sheriff's department said he listened to the 911 call on tape, identified the voice as Maxwell's, and then told people it was Maxwell. Sheriff Kay advised Maxwell that if he had a complaint about any of his employees, he would be more than happy to meet with him in his office to discuss it. When asked why he didn't bring his complaint to the sheriff to begin with, Maxwell had no reason. The Committee agreed that this was something that should be handled by the Sheriff.

AMBULANCE BUSINESS by Ron Bohn: **Discuss/act on clarification of 10/22/04 motion regarding addition of members to Emergency Medical Committee:** Ron Bohn said he spoke to Marie Koerner and was advised that standing committees cannot add new members unless approved by the entire county board, but an ad hoc committee can appoint anyone. Sweda said this Committee wasn't aware of that when it made its motion in October. Bohn said the motion needed to be amended to create an ad hoc committee. Seidl said the motion was made that way because they wanted some county board members on the committee. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to cancel the previous motion and move to appoint an ad hoc committee consisting of the members of the Emergency Medical Committee plus additional people who want to be on the committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on year end ambulance subsidy: Bohn distributed a summary of the ambulance service revenue and expenses for 2004. Michele Ruesch explained that there is a less than 1% increase (\$1,644.00) in the subsidy request from what was budgeted. Parent said there should be no problem in taking the overage from the general fund. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve payment of the 2004 ambulance subsidy in the amount of \$175,132.00. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on inquiry from Town of Spirit (Price Co.) regarding ambulance service: Bohn said he was contacted by the Town of Spirit and asked if the Rib Lake ambulance would consider taking over coverage in their area. Bohn said he didn't discuss

the issue at length because he wanted approval from this Committee to even explore it. Seidl said that under the circumstances of having our own problems in that area, we shouldn't consider it. Bohn said he advised Spirit that we can provide mutual aid, but Spirit said they want Rib Lake to actually take over the area entirely. Bohn said that since it is a County ambulance as opposed to a municipality, he wasn't sure we would want to go into another county. Sweda said the budget would be an issue. Bohn said he assumed they would pay a flat rate based on previous years. Parent said he would like to hear from the Price County Board as to why this is necessary. Ziembo said the Rib Lake Fire Department goes into some of the Ogema areas because they have a faster response time, which is probably the same thing in this situation. Sweda asked if Price County operates their ambulances like Taylor County does and Bohn said no, Price County ambulances are independently owned and contracted out to certain areas of the county. No motion was made, but the Committee agreed to have Bohn explore the issue and bring information back to this Committee.

Discuss/approve purchase of mobile radio and cot for new ambulance: Bohn asked if the County planned to switch to digital communications anytime in the near future, because that would decide what type of radio he would recommend. Bruce Daniels explained that a study is currently in progress regarding the issue of analog vs. digital communication equipment and he anticipates that if any changes occur, they will happen with law enforcement radios as opposed to fire and EMS. Bohn had two quotes for radios from Northway Communications – analog @ \$4,852.50 and digital @ \$6,153.00. Sheriff Kay advised that his department has two radios that will probably work that Bohn could borrow until the study is finished, which was approved by the Committee.

Bohn explained that the new ambulance was to be delivered in January, but has been delayed until March. He said he is working to get the company to compensate for the two month delay and has asked them to purchase the cot that is needed for the new ambulance. The cot costs approximately \$3,900 to \$4,000 and is rated for 650 pounds. Bohn said he believes the company is more than willing to compensate in this manner, so no action was taken on this issue.

Bohn later advised he would like approval to purchase a radio for the new ambulance, contingent on if the offered radios from the sheriff's department will work. He suggested purchasing the cheaper analog radio as long as there was no plan to go digital in the near future. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the purchase of one analog radio in the event the sheriff's department radio isn't compatible. All in favor, motion carried.

MEDICAL EXAMINER: None

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (EM)/EMERGENCY PLANNING (EPCRA): None

LAW ENFORCEMENT BUSINESS:

Discuss/approve advertising for bids for new 2005 squads: Motion by Parent, second by Werner to approve advertising for bids for new 2005 squads. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/approve promotion of Larry Woebbeking to sergeant position: Sheriff Kay advised that four employees applied for the sergeant position and after careful consideration, he would like the Committee's approval to promote Larry Woebbeking to the position. Sweda asked who else had applied and Kay advised that Brian Campbell, Lisa Kauffman, and Steve Bowers had also applied. Motion by Werner, second by Seidl to approve the promotion of Larry Woebbeking to the sergeant position. All in favor, motion carried.

Discuss/act on proposed noise ordinance: Jim Seidl drafted a revision to this ordinance and wanted it discussed. Chief Deputy Daniels explained that the district attorney would like to review the draft amendment first because he will be the one prosecuting any violations. Seidl advised he had no problem with it. He said he drafted the revision several years ago, but it never went anywhere. He said the noise problem is getting worse and needs to be addressed. Parent asked if Medford Police Chief Ted Bever could be present for the next meeting regarding this issue. Werner asked how the ordinance could be enforced and Sheriff Kay said that would be something the district attorney would look at as well. Sweda commented that so much equipment is necessary to enforce an ordinance like this. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to table this matter until the district attorney has a chance to review the ordinance as drafted. All in favor, motion carried.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Bruce Daniels advised that he has received the application for the wireless 911 grant, but is concerned about how successful the program will be. He said having wireless 911 capabilities will only be as good as the towers in the area. He also said it may not be beneficial to the taxpayers to go ahead with this program if it won't be accurate in locating a cell phone caller. He said there are 5-6 services licensed in our county, but only two are active. We could take advantage of the grant but then it might not be useful due to technology not being in place in our county. The deadline for submission of the grant is April 1st, so he will bring more information on this issue to the next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the invoices for December and January. Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to approve the invoices. All in favor, motion carried.

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

A motion was made by Ziembo to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 AM, second by Parent. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie L. Goerg, Secretary

January 27, 2005

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Law Enforcement Committee members present: Chairman Joe Sweda, Jim Seidl, Fred Parent, Larry Ziembo, and John Werner. Also present were Sheriff Jack Kay and Jail Sergeant Kim Kasperek.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 AM by Chairman Joe Sweda in the Conference Room of the Taylor County Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Parent, second by Werner to go into CLOSED SESSION at 10:31 AM, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of conducting oral interviews of applicants for the female jailer/dispatcher eligibility list. All in favor, motion carried.

At 12:00 PM, motion by Seidl, second by Parent to reconvene into OPEN SESSION, pursuant to Wis. Stat 19.83. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Seidl, second by Parent to certify the list of those interviewed. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Seidl, second by Werner to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 PM. All in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Jack D. Kay, Acting Secretary