

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

December 17, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Karyn Eckert of the Star News; County Clerk Bruce Strama; Chief Deputy Larry Woebbecking; Jane Darnell of the Taylor County Humane Society; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the November 12, 2010 meeting:** Hearing no objections, Seidl declared the minutes approved.

**Approve Agenda:** There was one amendment, that being the elimination of items D and E under Law Enforcement Business as they are no longer needed. Hearing no objections, Seidl declared the agenda approved as amended.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was set for Friday, January 14, 2011, subject to change.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Ambulance Business:** None

**Medical Examiner:** None

**Law Enforcement Business: Discuss/Act on Taylor County Humane Society Contract** – Strama presented the proposed agreement to the committee. There are three proposed changes, those being:

Number 1 - “. . . office space and housing for felines and other small animals . . .” The “other small animals” shall be eliminated. Darnell explained that the Humane Society has no facilities for housing animals other than dogs and cats. She said it hasn't really been an issue as they have only had two animals other than dogs and cats, which were rabbits, and they were housed at someone's home.

Number 9 – “. . . collect stray and abandoned animals . . .” The “animals” is changed to “dogs and cats.” There was some discussion as to whether or not the animal had to be “restrained” or “contained.” It was decided to leave the wording as “restrained.”

Number 15 addresses keeping the Taylor County website updated with information on the animals that are available for adoption. The Humane Society had wanted this eliminated as they have an agreement with petfinder.com, which provides a broader audience than the County website. Darnell thought this was unnecessary duplication as the website address for pet finders is listed on the Taylor County website.

Seidl would like Number 15 to remain but to change the wording of “The Humane Society will provide information on a regular and frequent basis . . .” by taking out “on a regular and frequent basis.”

Lemke made a motion to approve the agreement as amended; Werner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Act on Squad Bids** – Woebbecking presented the bid information to the committee. All local dealerships were given the opportunity to submit a bid; only two

responded with a bid. The department would usually replace four squads at the present time but, in the interest of saving money, are only requesting that three be replaced now. One squad will be run longer than usual.

Medford Motors had the lowest bid, that being for Crown Victorias at \$22,040 per vehicle (\$1,500 less than the next closest bid). This is a lease program, with buyout of \$1.00 at the end of the lease. If three or more squads are leased, there is a reduction in the APR of .5%.

Werner made a motion to give the bid to Medford Motors for three Crown Victorias; Parent seconded. Roll call vote: Werner: Aye, Seidl: Aye; Lewis: Aye; Lemke: Aye; Parent: Aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Act on Sworn Officer Eligibility List** – Daniels would like to establish an eligibility list so that we have a pool of potential employees to draw from if a deputy were to quit. Seidl asked if there would be any commitment to hire; Daniels said no, he just wants to be prepared. There were no objections to establishing a list.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels commended the committee on their past decision to purchase a couple of four wheel drive squads as they have been necessary for the deputies to get around in the heavy, deep snow that we have received this season. The deputies have been rotating the four wheel drive vehicles as needed. He also commended the Highway Department for keeping the roads cleared as well as they have.

Jail population is currently at 45, with no boarders.

Meetings have been held with Motorola regarding the upcoming radio frequency upgrades. It looks as though, while there are no solid numbers yet, the cost may not be as high as we had feared. More information will be available in the near future.

Round Six of the Homeland Security Plan, which involves the radio upgrade, is coming together. This grant has definitely been approved.

We are still in the running for the Firefighters Grant.

Bruce Strama and Larry Woebeking left the meeting.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Parent made a motion to approve the invoices for November, 2010; Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Parent made a motion to adjourn; Lewis seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

November 12, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Karyn Eckert of the Star News; Chris Gengler of Taylor County Ambulance stationed at Memorial Health Center; Kaaron Keene, Director of Nursing at Memorial Health Center; Melissa Thums, Director of Finance at Memorial Health Center; County Clerk Bruce Strama; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the September 3, 2010 meeting:** Hearing no objections, Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 3, 2010 meeting; Werner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Parent made a motion to approve the agenda; Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was set for Friday, December 10, 2010.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Ambulance Business: Discuss/Act on IV Tech Advancement** – Gengler explained that Taylor County Ambulance is at the EMT-Basic Level, which is the second lowest level. They are able to provide basic life support for their patients. By going to IV-Tech, they could increase the level of care provided to their patients, such as administering pain medications or starting intravenous drips. The paramedics associated with MediVac are able to do this type of work; however, they are frequently busy out of town, caring for patients or providing transports to other medical facilities. Gengler stated that with the higher level of care, survival rates will increase.

Gengler indicated that almost all of the EMT's in Taylor County are willing to train to become IV- Techs. The instruction would consist of 98 hours of training and education. Gilman would stay at the EMT-Basic level as there are not enough EMT's there to support the IV-Tech level. As for the budget, there would be a \$7,000.00 increase in 2011 due to the training.

Keene said that only three people still owe money to reimburse the hospital for the last EMT training that was held. Seventeen people took the class; 15 became certified; and 11 are now working as EMT's. She also drew the supervisor's attention to the fact that the budget will actually decrease after the EMT's are trained to be IV-Techs due to an increase in revenue because they would then be able to bill for more services.

Lewis made a motion to approve the proposed budget; Lemke seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Werner – Aye; Seidl – Aye; Lewis – Aye; Lemke – Aye; Parent – Aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Gengler said that the schooling will probably take place in January and they should be up and running by May. Town meetings are required beforehand to inform the public.

**Discuss/Act on OJA Grant, Round Six for Replacement of Five (5) Radios for Narrow Band Compliance in 2013** – Gengler informed the committee that there is a 75/25 match grant available for the narrow band compliant radios. The radios are \$1,380.00 each and would need to be paid for up front and then the county would be

reimbursed for 75% of the cost; this would bring the actual cost for the county down to \$350.00 each. The up front money would be taken from the Funds Assistance Program.

Daniels indicated that the equipment will need to be updated prior to 2013. Seidl said the county needs to do it now or later.

Lewis made a motion to approve the replacement of five radios for narrow band compliance; Parent seconded. Roll call vote taken: Werner - Aye; Seidl – Aye; Lewis – Aye; Lemke – Aye; Parent – Aye. All ayes. Motion carried.

Keene, Thums, and Gengler then left the meeting.

**Medical Examiner:** None

**Law Enforcement Business: Discuss/Act on Taylor County Humane Society Contract** – Strama presented the current contract to the committee. There are a couple changes from the current contract for 2011: the name of the president (Jane Darnell is now president); the dates of the agreement; and item number 9 in the agreement will be changed to read “The Humane Society will engage the services of an individual or individuals to collect stray and abandoned animals that have been restrained within the geographical limits of Taylor County, Wisconsin.”

Parent made a motion to approve the agreement, including the amendments, with the Taylor County Humane Society; Lewis seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Act on Creation of Ordinance Regarding Spaying and Neutering of Adopted Animals** – Sheriff Daniels said that this is a dead issue at the current time as the Humane Society had no one to present it. Seidl mentioned that if they want an ordinance to mandate that pets are spayed or neutered after adoption it could be added to Chapter 54 instead of creating a new ordinance.

**Discuss/Act on Appointment of Craig Amundson to Emergency Management Director** – Daniels is requesting formal action today on the appointment. He will be working with Bill Breneman for his training starting in December 2010. Breneman’s last day is in mid-January.

Lewis said that Breneman has done a “terrific job” as Emergency Management Director.

Werner made a motion to confirm and approve the appointment of Craig Amundson as Emergency Management Director; Parent seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Act on Victim Notification System (VINE)** – The Victim Notification System provides victims of a crime the ability to find out the status of the offender in their case. Daniels informed the committee that since he last brought this topic to the committee’s attention, the State has now said that maintenance on the system will be covered by the State. This was the concern with the system when it was discussed before as the maintenance fees were open ended and we had no idea what the costs would be. Only 14 counties out of the 72 counties in Wisconsin have not signed up for the program. Daniels would like to start getting hard numbers to see exactly what the costs to the county would be. If maintenance is covered, he believes that we need to take advantage of the grant. The State would pay the up front money to do the interface and get everything started. The county would not be obligated to continue and may terminate at any point in time.

Lewis told Daniels to move ahead and get the numbers as long as the county has the option to pull out at any time.

Werner questioned what will happen if the federal government cuts funding to the states for this program as it is actually a federal program providing funding to the states.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels informed the committee the county has been awarded a \$40,000.00 grant for a communications upgrade needs assessment through WisCom for the 2012 narrow band conversion.

Daniels discussed the state wide system that would be available. The state would put one tower in every county, which we know will not cover our needs. The state will be doing a needs assessment at no cost to the county. Daniels will then be able to compare their assessment with other vendors. The state has no user fees until 2015. There are variables that we do not know the answers to at this time.

Seidl asked if existing towers would be used. Daniels stated that yes, they would be. We currently have five towers and there is no coverage in some areas. It is believed that seven towers would be needed to cover the needs for fire, ambulance, and law enforcement.

The Department has also received a grant for overtime costs to cover the "Click It or Ticket" program. Daniels is mainly concerned about the use of child safety seats.

Another grant was received to cover a new program to guard against racial profiling. Beginning in January, the officers will need to document the number of people, their nationality, and their age when making a traffic stop. There is no clear way to report this currently. The Tracs grant from the state will purchase \$70-80,000.00 worth of equipment for the squads to use for this purpose. There will be no cost to the county.

Daniels has copies of the annual Jail Inspection Report available for anyone who would like to see it. The jail inspector gave the jail a "clean bill of health." The Institute of Corrections does free complete effectiveness assessments. Daniels will have this done after our jail computer system is updated to see if they can discover ways for the county to be more efficient and save money.

The District Attorney has had some prosecutorial issues with our animal at large citations. The Corporation Counsel will be looking over the legal language pertaining to this ordinance.

Werner mentioned that the courtesy car at the airport (which was formerly a squad) is dying. He asked the sheriff when another car would be available for a replacement. Daniels indicated that would probably be in March, 2011. Zoning's van is also in bad shape. They are looking for a four wheel drive vehicle. The Sheriff's Office will not have such a vehicle available any time soon.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Lemke made a motion to approve the invoices for September and October, 2010; Seidl seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Lewis made a motion to adjourn; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 3, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Karyn Eckert of the Star News; Chris Gengler of Taylor County Ambulance stationed at Memorial Health Center; Melissa Thums, Finance Director at Memorial Health Center; County Clerk Bruce Strama; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the August 13, 2010 meeting:** Hearing no objections, the minutes from the August 13, 2010 meeting were declared approved by Chair Seidl.

**Approve Agenda:** The proposed amendment to the County Code regarding Chapter 54 - Animal Control Regulations was adjourned from the last meeting until this date and should have been included on the agenda under Citizen Input. Agenda was declared approved by Seidl with this one correction.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was set for Friday, October 8, 2010.

**Citizen Input: Discuss/Act on Amendment to Chapter 54 of Taylor County Code – Animal Control Regulations** – Seidl stated this matter has been reviewed by both the Corporation Counsel and the District Attorney, both of whom are concerned about how it could or could not be proven that the animal was under voice command. They recommended not altering the ordinance.

Werner made a motion to leave Chapter 54 as is; Lemke seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Ambulance Business: Discuss/Act on 2011 Budget for Taylor County Ambulance** – The Memorial Health Center ambulance is asking for an 8.1% increase in the County subsidy. Thums explained that due to an increase in Medicaid patients (Medicaid reimbursement is lower than other insurance) the ambulance service is seeing a reduction in revenue. Ambulance maintenance (new tires, etc.) will be higher in 2011 and there will be a 3% wage increase for employees. While service calls and mileage revenue is budgeted to increase significantly (from \$326,465 in 2010 to \$527,272 in 2011), the anticipated intercept revenue (\$61,100) is considerably below what was budgeted in 2010 (\$173,183), based on the actual revenue received in 2010.

Parent objected to the 8.1% increase as other county offices were held to 5% or less. Lewis pointed out that the county plans to hold their employees to no wage increase. Although he knows that the ambulance employees are Memorial Health Center employees, he still has a problem with the 3% wage increase. Seidl agreed.

Werner said if county employees see that the committee approved a 3% increase for the ambulance employees, this will leave them in a bad spot. Lewis did mention that the agreement with the ambulance service is to pay what is over budget, anyway.

Strama suggested that the committee lower the proposed subsidy by 3%, thereby not supporting the pay increase. Thums said this would lower the subsidy by \$4,000.00.

Parent said he also will not approve the \$10,000.00 for repairs and maintenance as this is a 42.9% increase. He would approve the same amount as in 2010 - \$7,000.00 – a decrease of \$3,000.00.

Parent made a motion to decrease the budget request by \$7,000.00 to \$144,828.00. Werner seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Thums and Gengler then left the meeting.

**Medical Examiner: Discuss/Act on Resolution Appointing the Medical Examiner for Taylor County** – The only change in the resolution from the previous year is the dates.

Lewis made a motion to approve the resolution appointing the medical examiner for one year. Parent seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Discuss/Act on 2011 Budget for Medical Examiner** – Daniels presented the budget to the committee. After review of the budget, totaling \$20,713.00, Parent made a motion to approve the medical examiner budget. Lewis seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Law Enforcement Business: Discuss/Act on 2011 Budget for Taylor County Sheriff's Department** – Daniels informed the committee that there is a major change to the budget from what was presented at the last meeting. Bill Breneman, Emergency Services Director, will be retiring in January, 2011. Daniels will be filling this position with a current employee, which will save \$73,880.79 (wages and benefits). The new director will need to fill in for transports and some shifts. The sheriff will be posting the position internally.

Seidl mentioned that the county will be giving our Hazmat equipment to the Abbotsford Hazmat team, if they want it.

Daniels said that Emergency Management is State subsidized. The more experienced person in the job, the more revenue received from the State. Therefore, there will be some reduction in revenue.

Parent asked about funding the training for the person filling the position. Sheriff Daniels said the training will be absorbed by the TASO administrative training budget. The department will be reimbursed a small amount by the State to keep that certification.

Daniels also reduced the budget for the Police Vehicle Outlay Account from \$83,000.00 to \$61,100.00. Daniels explained that when old squads are taken out of circulation they are sold and the proceeds are deposited into the Police Vehicle account. These funds are carryover funds. As a result of the accumulation of these funds, Daniels was able to reduce the request for appropriations this year. Daniels did caution that the squad program is a lease program and appropriations will increase back to the normal rate next year.

Lewis asked who covers repairs for the kitchen – maintenance or the Sheriff's Department. Daniels indicated that he has had discussions with Maintenance Director Jeff Ludwig in regard to this. There has traditionally been a question as to whether permanent equipment that is unique to a specific department is maintained by that department or by maintenance. Daniels indicated that up to this point the Maintenance Department has done an outstanding job of fixing any breakdowns that have occurred in the kitchen. He indicated that if it were necessary to get an outside contractor for maintenance and repairs, it would be much less cost effective. Daniels advised that there is no money budgeted for replacement of kitchen equipment at this time and that, in the event of a failure that could not be repaired, he and the Taylor County Board would have to address it at that time.

Parent made a motion to approve the Taylor County Sheriff's Department 2011 budget as presented. Werner seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels reported that inmate populations have been fluctuating. Currently, there are 46 inmates, with no boarders. Daniels has been continuing to make contacts in an attempt to acquire more boarders. This is difficult as everyone's numbers are down.

Seidl read the Letter of Commendation that he drafted for the employees who helped with the power outage. It will be given to Linda Daniels for copying and distribution.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Parent made a motion to approve the invoices for August, 2010; Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Parent made a motion to adjourn; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

August 13, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Karyn Eckert of the Star News; Chris Gengler of Taylor County Ambulance stationed at Memorial Health Center; County Clerk Bruce Strama; Mark Riegert; Pam Motte; Doris Kiefer and Melinda Brahmer representing the Taylor County Humane Society; Scott Copenhaver; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the June 18, 2010 meeting:** Hearing no objections, the minutes from the June 18, 2010 meeting were approved by Chair Seidl.

**Approve Agenda:** Hearing no objections, Chair Seidl approved the agenda of eleven items as published.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was set for Friday, September 3, 2010.

**Citizen Input: Discuss/Act on Amendment to Chapter 54 of Taylor County Code – Animal Control Regulations** – Mark Riegert told the committee that he received a warning for "Animal at Large" because he was walking his dog on the road without a leash. County Code states that the animal must be on a leash. Riegert would like the county code changed to state that the animal could be under only vocal command.

Seidl said that he thought vocal command would be sufficient while Lewis voiced concern about those owners who do not have vocal control over their animal. Sheriff Daniels indicated that he is neither for nor against the change but requested that the District Attorney review any proposed ordinance change prior to any action being taken by the committee as he is the one who will need to prosecute the charge.

Chair Seidl tabled this item until the next meeting. A copy of the proposed change will be forwarded to the District Attorney for his review.

**Ambulance Business: Discuss/Act on Scott Copenhaver Letter** – Copenhaver explained his concerns in regard to the radio system being used in the Gilman ambulance. Different channels are being used by emergency personnel so all transmissions are not being heard by everyone involved in the emergency.

Chris Gengler explained that there has been a change in the radio programming for best practices and that the issue is being worked on. The ambulance service is currently conducting a three month analysis to work through the process and get everyone trained. She stressed that dispatch can hear everyone so if anyone has concerns about reaching another unit, who may be on a different radio channel, they could request dispatch to contact them. Stickers will be put in the cabs telling everyone what channel to use at which stage in the emergency.

It was determined that this is an ambulance service issue and that it is being handled by Gengler.

Copenhaver and Gengler then left the meeting.

**Medical Examiner:** None

**Law Enforcement Business: Discuss/Act on Taylor County Humane Society Annual Report and 2011 Budget** – Brahmer presented the Humane Society treasurer's report for year 2009 and January 1 – July 31, 2010. The calendar year of 2009 had revenue in the amount of \$74,596.79 while expenses totaled \$61,369.20. For the first six months of 2010, revenue was \$44,171.60 and expenses were \$43,400.27. Information regarding the balance on hand was not provided.

Brahmer and Kiefer expressed the need for a quarantine area for ill animals. They had a problem with ringworm this year because of the close proximity of the animals. They would also like a break area for the workers, where they could eat and get away from the animals for a while.

The spaying and neutering is currently being done by a Stratford veterinarian (cats) and a Neillsville veterinarian (dogs). Dr. Steve Deloney helps out quite a bit with vaccinations and examinations.

The Humane Society is discussing renting the southern half of the building they are currently utilizing. If they can get the rent down to an amount which they can afford, they may rent that portion also. There would be no additional cost to rent the other half, other than the rent, as they are already paying the utilities as it is all on one meter. Seidl commented that the county was not in the position to help financially so it would be up to the Humane Society to come up with the extra money.

Bauer is not raising the rent on the building for 2011-2012. The current rent is \$600.00 per month.

Strama presented the proposed budget for 2011. The tax levy would be \$30,000.00 and license fees would provide \$14,000.00. The Humane Society would receive \$36,000.00 and \$7,200.00 would be applied to the rent.

Lewis made a motion to approve the budget as submitted; Werner seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Kiefer and Brahmer then left the meeting.

**Discuss/Act on Sheriff's Department 2011 Budget** – Sheriff Daniels explained several items in the budget.

- 1) Hazmat Team – the Hazmat team is currently not active due to low volunteers. The county currently has five volunteers; ten are needed to be an active team. As such, the team will not be eligible for the \$10,000 grant next year. There is currently \$38,000.00 in this line item, which Larry Brandl recommended that we leave sit for now. Daniels and Breneman are checking with surrounding counties to see if a mutual aid agreement for Hazmat could be reached. If the counties join forces, the equipment and the available funds in this county could be used for the joint Hazmat team.
- 2) EPCRA – Funds received from the State will increase. Bill Breneman's wages are part of this fund. Budget line proposal will increase from \$6,100.00 to \$6,849.00.
- 3) Emergency Management – Budget line will increase from \$30,899.00 to \$33,404.00
- 4) Extended Supervision (Probation and Parole) – This was a new program in 2010. As it was not known what to expect, it was under budgeted. Proposed income from this line item will increase from \$4,000.00 in 2010 to \$13,000.00 in 2011.
- 5) Out of County Inmate Housing – Price County will be utilizing our facility to house some of their inmates. Most counties are now housing their own inmates. Revenue from this line item is set at \$25,000.00; however, this amount is uncertain.

- 6) Probation/Parole Holds – The State of Wisconsin budgets for these holds. If the State is running short of funds, they lower the amount that they pay for each hold. Based on previous years, this line item is \$13,000.00.
- 7) Inmate Commissary – Decreased from previous year due to low jail census. Income estimated at \$4,000.00.
- 8) Inmate Phone Commission - Decreased from previous year due to low jail census. Income estimated at \$10,000.00.
- 9) Prisoner Lockdown Charges – Inmates must pay \$30.00 their first day of confinement to cover the cost of booking. We collect about 30% of what is owed. Estimate for 2011 is \$12,000.00.
- 10) Prepaid Calling Card Commission - Decreased from previous year due to low jail census. Income estimated at \$12,000.00.
- 11) Hazmat Team Donations – No income due to Hazmat Team not being active.
- 12) Telephone Expense – Expense estimated at \$14,000.00 – down from \$17,100.00 in 2010. Strama indicated this may be due to the cost of the cell phone agreement coming down considerably.
- 13) Postage expenses are estimated at \$2,000.00, down slightly from 2010.
- 14) Photocopies. Expenses are budgeted to increase in 2011 due to county wide contract with E.O. Johnson. Strama explained that while some departments may show an increase in costs due to the contract, county wide the expenses will go down.
- 15) Blood Alcohol Tests – This line item has been decreased by \$850.00 to \$2,000.00. The main reason for this decrease is the fact that there are fewer OWIs.
- 16) Hazmat Team – No expenses due to team not being active.
- 17) Telephone – Expenses are down due to the need to purchase fewer calling cards for inmates due to low jail census.
- 18) Jail Meals – Expenses are down due to fewer inmates. Estimated at \$135,000.00
- 19) Jail Equipment and Supplies - \$5,000.00 – lower due to low jail census.
- 20) Jail Medical Payments – Increased to \$65,000.00 from \$64,000.00. HPL, the company we contract with for physician services, increased their rates by 2%. The Taylor County Health Department, who provides nursing services, increased their rates by \$8.00 per hour. Lewis questioned if it would be cheaper to contract out these services. Sheriff Daniels has checked into this and found that it would not be. Prescription drugs are obtained through HPL and sometimes Health Mart Pharmacy here in Medford.

Sheriff Daniels has been working on estimating the costs of providing transports for Chapter 51 commitments, court appearances, etc. There is a transport company in Green Bay that would provide this service; however, it is uncertain whether or not they would be able to provide transports on a sufficiently prompt basis. Our out-of-state transports are contracted out.

Sheriff Daniels requested that any action on the budget be withheld until the next meeting.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels informed the committee of the 9-1-1 computer crash that occurred. A temporary 9-1-1 center was set up at the fire station. This was possible due to equipment having been purchased earlier by the Health Department. The problem occurred when the UPS emergency switch failed to work properly. Steps have been taken to ensure this doesn't happen again. Daniels commended the many county employees from many different departments that pulled together to resolve this issue. Lewis commented that the county owes the IT Department, and especially Melissa, a big thank you for their work.

The inmate count is at 53.

A \$1,500.00 grant was received to replace the temperature control unit in the K-9 squad. This grant will pay for new equipment, such as automatically rolling down the windows in the vehicle when it gets too warm for the dog.

The department currently uses an interpreter service, which costs \$50.00 per month. We are required to provide this service. Daniels has been checking into software called "Speech Gear," which allows a computer to convert languages. Cost is \$1,500.00, which would come out of the Jail Improvements fund. Interpreter services would still be required for Miranda Rights as the software is not certifiable for court purposes.

Sheriff Daniels will be attending the National Sheriff's Association training in Colorado. The training is held at the National Institute of Corrections. Daniels is hoping to make contacts to possibly secure a federal contract to house inmates. It will also be an excellent training opportunity.

Strama then left the meeting.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Lewis made a motion to approve the invoices for June and July, 2010; Parent seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Parent made a motion to adjourn; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

June 18, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:51 a.m.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Brian Wilson of the Star News; Kaaron Keene of Memorial Health Center; County Clerk Bruce Strama; Jim Metz; Bill Breneman, Emergency Management Director; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the May 14, 2010 meeting:** Parent moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2010 meeting; Lemke seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Lewis moved to approve the agenda of 11 items; Lemke seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting was tentatively set for July 9, 2010.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Ambulance Business:** Discuss/Act on Approval of Ambulance Contract with Aspirus Wausau Hospital, Inc. – Keene indicated that the lease on the ambulance is up for renewal and Aspirus would like to renew the lease. The contract would extend the lease with all the same terms; the only change is the date.

Lewis made a motion to approve the lease agreement for another year; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Keene indicated that Chris Gengler has been hired as the ambulance manager, Ron Bohn's former position. Gengler will begin her duties in July.

Keene then left the meeting.

**Law Enforcement Business:** Discuss/Act on Renewing/Revising Enhanced 9-1-1 Agreement – The current agreement with TDS is from 2001. Attorney Schmiede reviewed the new "Contract for E911 Service for Taylor County" and recommended signing the document.

Both parties have the option to get out of the contract with a 30 day notice.

Parent made a motion to renew the contract for enhanced 9-1-1 services with Midway Telephone Company; Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes; Motion carried.

Bill Breneman then left the meeting.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels informed the committee that Norwood had a cut in staff so they have reduced their bed space by 50%. We will now need to transport Chapter 51 individuals to Mendota or Winnebago if Norwood has no available beds; thereby increasing our transport costs.

The jail census is currently at 35. There are no boarders. Parent asked if a portion of the jail could be closed down and then reduce staff. Daniels said the jail inspector would need to approve such a move as there is the issue of statutory requirements. The county is required to run a jail by statute.

The Firefighter Grant has been submitted. Daniels is also exploring other funding resources for the communications upgrade.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Lemke made a motion to approve the invoices for May, 2010; Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Parent made a motion to adjourn; Lewis seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES/ZONING COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING**

June 18, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Members Present:** Seidl, Parent, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Fuchs

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Brian Wilson, Star News; County Clerk Bruce Strama; Larry Peterson, Zoning; Bill Breneman; Betty Danen; Al Beadles; Candice Grunseth, Gilman Village Clerk; Chief of Police Ken Coyer; Jim Metz; Brad Ruesch; and Jason Laumann of Northwest Regional Planning.

**Call Meeting to Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

**Discuss/Act on Resolution Including Taylor County in a Regional Hazard Mitigation Planning Process** – Jason Laumann of Northwest Regional Planning presented information to the committee.

He explained that the proposed plan would be specific to Taylor County. The reasons for developing a plan include having a plan in place for natural hazards as required by the Code of Federal Regulations (this would not include manmade or technical hazards) such as thunderstorms, flooding, or high winds, to assess the cost of such events and the probability of future occurrences, and to estimate what losses could be with a particular emergency.

Laumann stressed that the plan would be pre-disaster mitigation, not a response plan. The object would be to reduce or eliminate potential risks and to have a speedy recovery or response plan in place.

An application to Wisconsin Emergency Management would be made to fund the plan. First, though, the county must have a hazard mitigation plan in place to be eligible for grant funding. The plan would identify what the issues or problems are in Taylor County and propose strategies to deal with them and provide funding to follow through with those strategies.

Peterson asked if the county would be eligible for grant program assistance if it doesn't have NFIP flood insurance. Laumann indicated that they would be eligible.

Laumann explained that potential sites would be identified through historical occurrences, flood plain maps, and models on computers. He said it is not a scientific study, just a broad aspect of where they could be.

Laumann indicated that most counties have a plan in place. He is proposing that we apply together with Rusk, Price, Sawyer and LCO (Lac Courte Oreilles Tribe) as the chance of getting funding would be very good due to the regional approach. Price and Sawyer Counties have already agreed to proceed with the plan. The county does not need to proceed with the proposed plan if the funding does not come through. Northwest Regional Planning would do all of the legwork and the grant application. Updates (statutory changes, etc.) would need to be done every five years; the same pool that funded the development of the plan would fund the updates. The Emergency Management Director would be in charge of the updates.

Northwest Regional Planning would apply for a grant through the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant Program. The federal government would fund 75% of the cost and the counties would need to pay 25%. The 25% can be met through in-kind contribution (i.e. mapping done at county level, hours spent working on the plan, meetings, etc.) so there would be no

actual money paid out of pocket. Laumann said the plan would be very detailed as to how much time the county would spend working on the plan and who is doing what work.

All towns would be included in the process; village and cities are not. They would need to develop their own plan or do a joint participation with the county. The villages and city would share in-kind contribution. There would be 7-10 meetings and about 20 hours beyond that that the county would need to contribute.

The application process would take about three months once the county is on board. A very detailed budget would be written and submitted.

Peterson questioned if Taylor County would be able to supply the manpower for the in-kind contribution given the possible layoffs/cutbacks. Lewis said that the only departments that would be working on the plan would be Emergency Management, Zoning, and Land Information which only have one or two people on staff so they are not likely to be affected by the layoffs.

Breneman said that he needs to write up a yearly Hazard Analysis Plan now because there is not a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place. This would no longer be necessary if the county adopted the plan.

Land Information would map the villages and cities, too, as they do not have the capability of doing so themselves.

Fuchs made a motion for Northwest Regional Planning to proceed with the application for the grant to establish a Hazard Mitigation Plan; Parent seconded. All Ayes; Motion Carried.

**Adjourn** – With no further business, Parent made a motion to adjourn; Fuchs seconded. All ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

May 14, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. He welcomed new member David Lemke to the board.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Lemke, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Mark Berglund of the Star News; Christine Gengler of Taylor County Ambulance stationed at Memorial Health Center; Larry Brandl; County Clerk Bruce Strama; EMT Tim Ludwig; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the February 19, 2010 meeting:** Parent moved to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2010 meeting; Werner seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Lewis moved to approve the agenda of 11 items; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be June 11, 2010. It was decided to return to the schedule of having meetings the second Friday of the month.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Ambulance Business:** Discuss/Act on Purchase of Laptop – Chris Gengler informed the committee that the computer the ambulance crew was using, which is used for training and license updating, is no longer functioning. Gengler provided information on the laptop they would like to purchase. The laptop is owned by the ambulance service, not the hospital. The money for the purchase would come from the State EMS Grant Funding monies. Brandl indicated that there are sufficient funds in the account to pay for the purchase.

Lewis made a motion to approve the purchase of the laptop for the ambulance; Parent seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on the Sale of Used Ambulance to Gilman Fire Department – The committee had previously approved the sale of the used ambulance to Auction Associates. The Gilman Fire Department expressed an interest in purchasing the ambulance for the same amount that Auction Associates was going to pay - \$5,000.00.

Lewis made a motion to approve the sale of the used ambulance to the Gilman Fire Department; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Gengler and Ludwig then left the meeting.

**Medical Examiner:** None

**Law Enforcement Business:** Discuss/Act on Placement of One on One Cars – Sheriff Daniels would like to base a squad car in Goodrich as a deputy now lives in that area and would be readily available to respond to an incident in that area if a squad was immediately available. The committee agreed that placement of the squads is up to the sheriff, that this issue has been dealt with in the past, and that prior approval is not needed to place a car at a deputy's home.

Discuss/Act on Assistance to Firefighters Grant – Application and Follow-through – Daniels informed the committee that he would like to apply for this million dollar grant and asked the committee for their support. The grant would provide monies for the upcoming radio

infrastructure upgrade. If the grant was awarded to the county, the county would need to match 5%, or \$50,000.00. The match is 5% for counties with a population of less than 20,000; 10% for counties over 20,000. Daniels stressed that this is not a law enforcement issue but a county wide emergency services issue, affecting not only law enforcement but also the ambulance, fire, and other emergency services. Once the application is completed, it could take about 14 months before the county would be notified as to whether or not they will receive the grant.

Parent questioned where the \$50,000 was going to come from. Daniels said that the radio upgrade is a federal mandate. The county has no choice in the matter and will be penalized monetarily if we do not comply. Lewis said that it will be easier to get the \$50,000 than a million dollars and he recommended proceeding with the application. Brandl said that it would be a benefit to the county to apply for the grant as it would "lessen the magnitude of what the borrowing will be."

Seidl questioned if Power Line money could be used to pay the 5% match. Lewis said we should wait to see if we get the grant and then determine where the \$50,000 will come from.

Daniels said that he needs approval to apply for the grant so he is able to plan. The switch to narrow band must be done by January 1, 2013. Brandl recommended that the county move forward and figure out the funding later as we don't have a choice as to whether we do the upgrade or not.

Werner made a motion to have the sheriff continue with the grant project; Parent seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on Proposed Ordinance Change Related to Emergency Management Taylor County Code – Daniels explained that there was a change in Statute numbers, which needed to be updated in the County Code.

Lewis made a motion to approve the ordinance change; Lemke seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on Funding Upcoming Communication Upgrades – Daniels explained that the current infrastructure in the county is from the 1960's. There are huge holes in the county where radio reception does not exist. Daniels told the committee that the federally mandated upgrades will cost the county between four and five million dollars. Daniels has been working with Brandl in regards to funding. The project will more than likely need to be bonded. Hopefully, the county will procure the Firefighters Grant to lessen the financial burden. Daniels has written to Congressman Obey with an appropriations request. Lewis recommended that the committee give its permission to the sheriff to move along on the project and to secure the bonds as the upgrade will need to be done and the county does not have four to five million dollars.

Daniels informed the committee that the State of Wisconsin will be providing a state wide system, covering 95% of the state. However, at this point, it is unknown what amount of coverage our county would have or what the monthly cost would be.

Seidl requested the sheriff to prepare a written summary of what the project all entails to be distributed to the county board members so they are informed and able to answer questions from the public. The sheriff will do so.

Lewis made a motion to direct the sheriff and Larry Brandl to develop a funding proposal; Werner seconded. Roll call vote taken: Parent: Aye; Lemke: Aye; Seidl: Aye; Werner: Aye; Lewis: Aye. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels informed the committee that the "chatter" or feedback on the radio system has increased in recent years. One theory is that there may be too much equipment on the campus tower; another is that radios from private companies may be interfering. Northway Communications said they could change the PL codes, at a cost of \$995.00, but then other counties would need to change theirs, also, in order to communicate with our county. Motorola said they would attempt to identify the problem, at a cost of \$5,800.00. No action has been taken.

The west radio repeater is located on top of the Gilman water tower, which is going to be rebuilt. It will cost \$21,155.00 to move it.

The jail census is currently at 36.

Strama and Brandl left the meeting.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Werner made a motion to approve the invoices for February, March, and April, 2010; Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Lewis made a motion to adjourn; Parent seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 19, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Seidl called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Seidl, Werner, Lewis

**Members Absent:** Sweda, Parent

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Karyn Eckert of the Star News; Ron Bohn of Taylor County Ambulance stationed at Memorial Health Center; Larry Brandl; County Clerk Bruce Strama; Melissa Thums, Director of Finance at Memorial Health Center; Kaaron Keene, Vice-President, Patient Care Services at Memorial Health Center; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the January 15, 2010 meeting:** Werner moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2010 meeting; Lewis seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Werner moved to approve the agenda of 11 items; Lewis seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be at the discretion of the sheriff.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Ambulance Business:** Discuss/Act on the 2009 Ambulance Subsidy – Melissa Thums, Director of Finance at Memorial Health Center presented the committee with an "Ambulance Subsidy Request – Calendar Year 2009" document showing the 2009 projected and actual revenue and expenses, along with the percentage of change. The actual expenses were 8.6% below what had been projected; revenue was 9.3% lower than projected. Thums informed the committee that the charge for ambulance runs was increased by 50% in July, 2009. Some revenue was lost due to MedEvac taking over transports and performing intercepts.

Werner made a motion to accept the unaudited report as presented; Lewis seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Thums then left the meeting.

Discuss/Act on the Bids for a Replacement Ambulance for Gilman – Bohn distributed a list of the quotes received for a new ambulance. Only one vendor submitted a bid – Everest Emergency Vehicles. They submitted a bid on three different vehicles, which would be the complete unit, including the box. One is a demo vehicle which exceeds the bid specifications. Bohn had also listed the cost for equipment that the Gilman ambulance personnel had requested – a grill guard, a power lift cot, and a new radio. Bohn is not convinced of the need for the power cot and did not recommend purchasing one. The radio in the current ambulance is ten years old and will need to be replaced; the vendor would be able to install the new one. The new radio would be narrow band. Discussion was held on the necessity of purchasing the grill guard. It was decided that one would be purchased but Bohn should check around for a better price.

Bohn's recommendation was to purchase the 2009 Road Rescue Ultramedic Ford E-450 Chassis Demo for \$125,855.00. The vehicle has all the desired equipment plus upgrades that we would not otherwise get, such as LED lights instead of halogen. The new ambulance would be delivered in 30-60 days. Graphics and two electrical plug-ins would need to be completed prior to delivery.

Werner made a motion to purchase Quotation #1 ambulance from Everest Emergency Vehicles (2009 Road Rescue Ultramedic Ford E-450 Chassis Demo), along with the grill guard and the radio, and to give Bohn the authority to dispose of the old ambulance either through trade-in or auction, whichever is the best value for the county. Lewis seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on the Bids for Replacement of Monitor/Defibrillators – Bohn had obtained information from three different companies and handed out a comparison sheet. Bohn's recommendation was to go with the Zoll defibrillators, even though they are the most expensive, as the ambulance crews are already trained on the Zoll models. The Zoll would also be compatible with other emergency services equipment, including the equipment at the Taylor County Sheriff's Department, where the others would not. The cost would be run through with the ambulance and depreciated out over seven years.

Werner made a motion to purchase three Zoll monitor/defibrillators; Lewis seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Keene then left the meeting.

**Medical Examiner:** None

**Law Enforcement Business:** Discuss/Act on Findings of Ad Hoc Subcommittee – Werner asked how the people were chosen for the subcommittee. Daniels said that they were the current Leadership Medford class. It was decided that the recommendation of the subcommittee would be forwarded to the Personnel Committee; however, it was believed by Lewis that the Personnel Committee will not do anything with it.

The sheriff wanted the committee to be aware that this department will not be in compliance with the five day furlough directive from the county.

Discuss/Act on Plan for Communications Upgrade – The Sheriff's Department is going to need to update their radio system to narrowband by December 31, 2012 as a result of a federal mandate. The cost will potentially be around \$2.9 million. Daniels has requested financial assistance from the federal government. Emergency Services Director William Breneman had prepared a "Narrowband Plan" and time table, which had been mailed to the committee members prior to the meeting.

Lewis made a motion to participate in the communications upgrade plan and to support the time table; Werner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discuss/Act on Resolution Regarding Obtaining a Communications Consultant – Daniels believes that advice is needed to make the correct decision on the type of communication system to purchase. He would like to hire a consultant at the cost of \$30,000.00. The consultant would evaluate what system is the best one for our county and also which one would provide the best security for our personnel.

Daniels indicated that WISCom is developing a state wide communication system that would be available to everyone for a monthly fee, such as the teletype service the department is using. This service would provide coverage to 95% of the state. They would use existing towers, which may not cover all of Taylor County. Daniels believes that is not acceptable as the department would not be able to communicate with officers out in the field, which could put them in a dangerous situation. The other option is for Taylor County to construct and maintain its own system. The requested consultant will review the feasibility of both plans, advise as to the best course of action, and review implementation plans of the chosen communications upgrade.

Lewis made a motion to approve the "Resolution Requesting a Transfer of \$30,000.00 from the General Fund for the Development of a Public Safety Mobile Radio Plan"; Werner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Lewis mentioned that Finance will meet next week and can vote on this issue; however, the County Board will not meet until April 21, 2010. Werner directed Daniels to proceed as though the resolution has been approved by the County Board.

Discuss/Act on Stetsonville First Responders Request – The Stetsonville First Responders have requested that the county pay for their oxygen tank refills. The county does this for all of the other emergency care units in the county. Bohn estimated that the cost would be less than \$200 per year.

Lewis made a motion to approve the request by Stetsonville First Responders to have the county pay for their oxygen; Werner seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Sheriff's Report:** Daniels reported that Human Services will be purchasing the two old squads for \$1,700.00 each.

There are 52 inmates, one of which is from out of county. State wide notifications have been sent out that we have jail space available for housing inmates.

Strama then left the meeting.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Lewis made a motion to approve the invoices for January, 2010; Werner seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Lewis made a motion to adjourn; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

January 18, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Chuck Zenner called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Chuck Zenner, Laura Dietrich from Kraft, Angie Rothmeier of the Flower Shoppe and West Side Nursery, Mike Braun of Memorial Health Center, Trudy Jorstad from Do It Best Hardware, Randy Scholl of Northwestern Mutual, and Chelsea Zenner of Reflections Hair Salon.

**Members Absent:** Blanche Wellman from Our House

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels, Paula Liske from K-99/WIGM radio, Sue Emmerich from the Medford Area Chamber of Commerce, and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the January 4, 2010 Meeting:** Jorstad made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 4, 2010 meeting; Braun seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Jorstad moved to approve the agenda of 7 items; Rothmeier seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Danen then left the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** None

**Law Enforcement Business: Discuss/Act on Issues Related to Proposed Furlough Days –** See attached recommendation

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Rothmeier made a motion to adjourn; Chelsea Zenner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

## **LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 15, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Sweda called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Members Present:** Sweda, Seidl, Werner, Lewis, Parent

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Chief Deputy Larry Woebeking; Marie Koerner; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Minutes of the December 11, 2009 meeting:** Parent moved to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2009 meeting; Seidl seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

**Approve Agenda:** Werner moved to approve the agenda of 11 items; Lewis seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be at the discretion of the sheriff.

**Citizen Input:** None

**Ambulance Business:** None

**Medical Examiner:** None

**Sheriff's Report:** Sheriff Daniels informed the committee that the appropriation monies for the pictometry system that he told the committee about on January 9, 2009 were approved. They anticipate that the system will be up and running in spring of 2011.

HPL, the company the county contracts with to provide medical services to inmates, will begin using nurse practitioners or physician's assistants every other week, with a doctor seeing the inmates the other weeks. There will be a reduction in the cost to the county of 3%, which will bring the cost down to what the county was paying in 2007. Daniels is going to try to get the cost reduced even more.

The village agreements with Gilman and Rib Lake have been returned. Neither village raised any issues in regard to the agreement.

Discussion was held about where the minutes from the Law Enforcement Ad-Hoc Subcommittee should be posted on the county website. It was decided to post them under Law Enforcement.

Daniels recently had contact with a neighboring county that had contracted with E.O. Johnson to provide all of their printers (the same company that Taylor County just contracted with for the same service). Daniels was told by the other county that their costs actually increased significantly. Daniels wanted the committee to know this as he had not budgeted for an increase in this area. Seidl indicated that the county has entered into a five year contract with E.O. Johnson.

**Review and Approve Invoices:** After review, Parent made a motion to approve the invoices for December, 2009; Seidl seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion carried.

### **Law Enforcement Business**

**Discuss/Act on Squad bids** – Woebeking presented the bids to the committee. The vehicles would be leased for three years. Bids were received from Brickner Motors, Medford

Motors, and Mertens Chrysler. Mertens had the low bid of \$21,635 (\$8,803.07 per year of lease) for a Charger. However, Medford Motors' bid of \$22,053.92 (\$7,860.92 per year of lease) for a Crown Victoria would actually cost the county \$942.15 less per year due to a lower interest rate. Woebeking said that the department has decided to replace only two vehicles this year, rather than the budgeted four, to save money. He cautioned that this is not a sustainable practice as too many squads would need to be replaced at one time if replacement was put off.

Woebeking stated that bids were also received on SUVs. Medford Motors had the low bid of \$25,710.84 (\$9,315.88 per year of lease) for a Ford Expedition. This price is higher than for the Crown Victoria; however, the department has had issues in getting through the snow during storms. The SUV would be used for regular patrol and would also be available in the squad pool for use by other deputies when the assigned officer is off duty. The equipment already in place in a Crown Victoria squad will be able to be switched to an SUV.

Werner made a motion to lease two vehicles (one Crown Victoria and one Ford Expedition) from Medford Motors; Lewis seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion was then held on keeping the old squads for employee use elsewhere in the county. Lewis indicated that the cost of running a county owned vehicle is \$.27 per mile versus \$.44 per mile paid out if an employee uses their own vehicle. It was felt by all that the Sheriff's Department should be given some sort of credit for what they would lose monetarily by not selling the vehicles. Daniels will discuss the matter with Marie Koerner.

Marie Koerner joined the meeting.

**Closed Session** – Motion by Sweda and Second by Seidl at 10:39 a.m. to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) for approximately one hour for the purpose of conducting oral interview of applicants for the jailer/dispatcher position. Roll call vote taken: Werner – aye; Seidl – aye; Lewis – aye; Sweda – aye; Parent – aye.

At 11:30 a.m. Motion by Parent and Second by Werner to return to open session pursuant to Wis. State 19.83 to take any necessary action on issues discussed in closed session. Roll call vote taken: Werner – aye; Seidl – aye; Lewis – aye; Sweda – aye; Parent – aye.

Motion by Werner to certify list of applicants. Second by Lewis. All in favor; motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Lewis made a motion to adjourn; Werner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen

**LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY SERVICES AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

January 4, 2010

Taylor County Sheriff's Department Training Room

**Call Meeting To Order:** Chair Chuck Zenner called the meeting to order at 2:19 p.m.

**Members Present:** Chairman Chuck Zenner, Blanche Wellman of Our House, Angie Rothmeier of the Flower Shoppe and West Side Nursery, Mike Braun of Memorial Health Center, Trudy Jorstad from Do It Best Hardware, Randy Scholl of Northwestern Mutual, and Chelsea Zenner of Reflections Hair Salon.

**Members Absent:** Laura Dietrich from Kraft

**Other Attendees:** Sheriff Bruce Daniels; Brian Wilson, Star News; and Betty Danen.

**Approve Agenda:** Jorstad moved to approve the agenda of 6 items; Scholl seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Danen then left the meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be Monday, January 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

**Law Enforcement Business: Discuss/Act on Issues Related to Proposed Furlough Days** – After a Power Point presentation by Sheriff Daniels and considerable discussion, a motion was made by Jorstad to table the item and to reconvene on January 18, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.; Rothmeier seconded. All ayes. Motion carried.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, Braun made a motion to adjourn; Chelsea Zenner seconded. All Ayes. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Danen