



**MINUTES OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, April 05, 2016**

Members Present: Vern Cahak, Pete Pennington, Arlene Bonacci, Larry Poltrock

Members Absent: Dale Dahms

Others Present: Bill Greening, Kim Bissonette, Larry Shadick, Becky McPhail, Brad Henricks, John Schunke, Ron Barger

Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairperson Bonacci called a meeting of the Laclede County Public Safety Committee to order on the above date at 8:00 a.m., the Pledge of Allegiance immediately followed.

Approval of Minutes of the March 01, 2016 meeting

Moved by Cahak, second by Pennington to approve the minutes of the March 01, 2016 meeting. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas

Ron Barger stated that Dr. Sarah Lautzenhiser from the Antigo Vet Clinic is interested in being a humane officer for Laclede County and is willing to pay for her own training. This item will be put on May's Public Safety Agenda.

Larry Poltrock asked on behalf of the Public Property committee if there have been any issues for the continual weekend and evening meetings that are being held by a group in the County Board Room. Sheriff Greening stated not to his knowledge. This item will be put on May's Public Safety Agenda.

Moved by Pennington, second by Poltrock to excuse Dale Dahms because he has the flu. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Coroner Report

Larry Shadick presented the Coroner Report. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes.

Moved by Pennington, second by Cahak to approve the Coroner's Report. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Child Support Report

Becky McPhail presented the Child Support report. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes.

Moved by Poltrock, second by Cahak to approve the Child Support Report. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Emergency Management Report

Brad Henricks presented the Emergency Management Report. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes.

Moved by Pennington, second by Poltrock to approve the Emergency Management Report. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Skipped to Item #10: Discuss full-time Court Security Officer position

Sheriff Greening informed committee members that currently court security has been staffed with part time deputies for approximately the last year and a half. None of the current part timers are interested in doing it on a routine or long term basis. Sheriff Greening is looking at hiring a full time deputy to staff this position. Sheriff Greening has met with Gary Olsen to discuss the financing options. Becky McPhail stated it makes a huge difference with law enforcement presence in the courthouse. Cahak asked if this person is still there when court is not in session. Sheriff said that the Sheriff's Office has always been short handed anyway and this person would be utilized on the road and a variety of other deputy duties. Bonacci stated that this is very important and to look at the possibility to fund a full time court security deputy. Cahak would like to see what Personnel is going to do. Sheriff Greening stated that if we don't do this then we will have a very difficult time staffing with part time after the end of this year, we will not have availability. The wages for part-time has been \$15 since Greening took office and he is thinking about raising the wage with the hopes that this will be an incentive for the current part timers. After lengthy discussion Bonacci wanted to proceed on looking at giving current part time raises to staff on courthouse security. Cahak and Pennington abstained pending the Personnel meeting and Poltrock said this needed more study and there is no doubt we need it. This item will be put on May's Public Safety Agenda.

Car Report

Sheriff Greening presented the car report. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes.

Moved by Cahak, second by Pennington to approve the Car Report. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report

Sheriff Greening presented the Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes.

Sheriff Greening informed committee members that he recently signed the amended CHC contract to include mental health in the jail four (4) hours per week.

Greening also informed the committee that he received seven applications for the Jail Administrator position; none of them have any supervisory experience. Sheriff Greening met with Jail Inspector Denise Ellis and she reviewed and gave her opinion of the candidates. After more review Sheriff Greening will start the process of scheduling interviews with two (2) of the candidates and see if they meet the minimum requirements. Sheriff Greening stated he may be asking for an adjustment on the salary that will attract the experience and qualifications for the position.

On the Sheriff's side Sheriff Greening formerly hired Travis Krueger for the last vacant deputy position; he will be starting next Monday. Jordan Sorano has completed his field training and Tom Connelly will be completing his field training by the end of this week, both are doing very well. Kelly Koeppel began on March 28th in dispatch and Julie Doucette is still going through dispatch training.

Sheriff Greening wanted to make the committee aware that there are a few grants that are being applied for. These grants are not matching or competitive grants and from the interpretation of the grant policy the Sheriff has authorized his people to go ahead and apply. One is through Walmart and the other is Cellcom.

Moved by Pennington, second by Cahak to approve the Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Discuss NCHC presentation to County Board

John Schunke informed committee members that since Marathon County changed their administration of mental health care services NCHC has addressed some changes in implementing their services and asked him to co-present to the full County Board in May.

Distribute 2015 Sheriff and Jail Annual Report

Sheriff Greening handed out the 2015 Annual Report to committee members and thanked Kim for a very good job compiling it. Sheriff Greening asked the committee to review it and if they have any questions he would be glad to answer them at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 03, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Cahak, second by Pennington to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 a.m. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted, Kim Bissonette, Public Safety Committee Recording Secretary