



**MINUTES OF THE LANGLADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, November 06, 2012**

Members Present: Vern Cahak, Dale Dahms, Larry Poltrock, Richard Olsen

Members Absent: Arlene Bonacci

Others Present: Sheriff Bill Greening, Brad Henricks, Kim Bissonette, Becky McPhail, Larry Shadick, Robin Stowe

Call meeting to order/Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Cahak called a meeting of the Llanglade 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 October 02, 2012 and October 18, 2012 meetings

Moved by Dahms, second by Olsen to approve the minutes of the October 02, 2012 and October 18, 2012 meetings. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Child Support Report and paid bills

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

Moved by Dahms, second by Olsen to approve the Child Support Report and paid bills as submitted. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Coroners Report and paid bills

Larry Shadick presented the Coroners report and paid bills. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes.

Moved by Olsen, second by Poltrock to approve the Coroner's report and paid bills as submitted. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Emergency Management Report and paid bills

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

Moved by Dahms, second by Cahak to approve the Emergency Management Report and paid bills. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Car Report

Sheriff Greening presented the car report. The report was placed on file in the County Clerk's office with the minutes. Sheriff Greening informed the committee that they have been experiencing a large number of transports again recently.

Moved by Dahms, second by Olsen to approve the Car Report. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Sheriff/Jail Office/Medical Reports and paid bills

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

Sheriff Greening informed committee members that the county, himself and other employees were sued in Federal Court by a former inmate, (who is currently incarcerated in the state prison system), for excessive use of force. There were fourteen current and former employees including him that had to go to Green Bay to testify at this jury trial. Sheriff Greening stated that the reason for the lawsuit was because a taser was used on this inmate because he attempted to bite an officer, he was later convicted of attempted battery on a law enforcement officer. Greening stated that they were attempting to move this inmate from one cell to another because he would continually violate jail rules. After two days of testimony the jury came back and awarded the former inmate zero damages and found no fault on behalf of any of our officers or any of our corrections people that were involved. Sheriff Greening wanted to mention that these current employees and former employees that had to go to testify in this hearing were extremely professional and did a great job of either compiling reports or testifying on the witness stand and that the county and all the officers were totally exonerated in this lawsuit. Sheriff Greening stated that he thinks that speaks very highly of both our training and the quality of people that we have working, both in the jail and on the deputy sheriff side.

Chairman Cahak questioned why the RN visits went up from 51 to 68. Sheriff Greening stated that he doesn't have any specifics but it may be that we're getting more people in our jail that are addicted to drugs and that the withdrawals from the drug addictions have to be monitored, this requires more attention from jail staff and medical staff.

The Sheriff and Jail paid bills were submitted. Moved by Dahms, second by Olsen to approve the Sheriff/Jail Office/Medical Report and paid bills. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Request approval to purchase one (1) Tilt, Pan and Zoom Camera for the Jail

Sheriff Greening informed the committee that he came to the committee approximately two months ago and asked to purchase one Tilt, Pan and Zoom Camera, which the Finance Committee approved. This would be for a second one that failed within the past few weeks. The cost would be approximately \$1,500-\$1,700 and asked to be taken out of Jail Assessment again since it is a fixture in the jail and send to Finance for approval.

Moved by Dahms, second by Poltrock to allow request to approve the purchase one (1) Tilt, Pan and Zoom Camera for the jail. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Discuss Dog Ordinance (Sec. 9.07)

Chairman Cahak commended Kim for "a very comprehensive minutes of the October 18th meeting". Cahak went on to say that there were 18 people who

attended this meeting and none of them on a show of hands wanted the dog ordinance rescinded. Cahak stated he agrees with them and knows that law enforcement is strapped for help and answering calls, but thinks that law enforcement should be involved in some way in these serious cases. Cahak stated that he knows the vicious dog issue will be in place regardless of what happens, but in other serious cases he thinks law enforcement could be involved in repeat offenses and things like that, if they have time to do it. Cahak also stated that the crowd suggested that the towns should be handling this and suggested hiring an animal control person or humane officer with arrest powers so that court action could be taken. Cahak went on to say that's the way the crowd was thinking about going and he thinks it's going to still be up to the towns to take care of their dogs. Cahak stated that the first thing they should think about is the licensing of dogs, whoever does this, if it's an animal control person or something to try to make sure that as many dogs are licensed in the town or county because he's sure a lot of them aren't. If the townships would hire an animal control person, revenues from the licenses could be used to subsidize the salary and also be a good idea to increase the dog license fees now. Cahak informed everyone that dog license fees are going to be increased in Lincoln County, spayed and neutered are going up from \$10 to \$25 and for unspayed and unneutered from \$30 to \$65, Cahak stated that's just a suggestion.

Sheriff Greening stated that from his perspective he certainly did not expect the townships to come to this meeting and whole heartedly agree for us to change the ordinance and put the own is back on the townships to do the dog enforcement. Sheriff Greening stated that he completely understand the concerns regarding the dog ordinance and is not looking to totally eliminate it, the vicious dogs is something that is deemed an emergency situation that law enforcement needs to handle. Sheriff Greening stated that he simply doesn't have the resources to allocate to handling all the other issues. Sheriff Greening informed the committee that 95-99% of the townships he does not have a problem with or doesn't have an issue with, when he explains this to them they understand and they take care of their problems with their animals. Sheriff Greening stated that if the ordinance doesn't change he's not going to enforce it. He'll enforce the vicious dogs, but does not have the manpower and the resources to enforce the other parts of the ordinance.

Dahms stated that more than 75% of the towns take care of their dogs, there are only three or four towns that just won't do it and we can't expect the Sheriff to pick up dogs all the time and take them to the pound, we don't have the people here. Dahms went on to say he thinks our department is one of the smallest manpower wise in the State of Wisconsin and yet we're flooded with drug problems. Dahms stated that the parts in the ordinance as far as picking up the dogs, or dogs running at large is the towns problem, not the county's problem. Dahms also stated the part about the biting dog should be left in.

Robin Stowe stated that we entered that Public Hearing with two options; one to rescind the ordinance that we have in its entirety, the other option was to rescind everything but the vicious dogs. Robin also stated that if we have the ordinance, then there's an assumption, or a duty, for the municipality then to enforce that.

Poltrock asked if Stowe can specify in the ordinance who's suppose to enforce it. Stowe said sure.

After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Robin Stowe would rewrite a draft ordinance that require that complaints for dogs running at large and unlicensed dogs be referred to the designated town official. The revised ordinance will be brought back to the next Public Safety meeting and Robin Stowe will send a copy to all Town Chairmen before it goes to County Board. This does not require another Public Hearing.

Discuss Referral from Executive Committee to consider adopting a resolution establishing a joint City/County Ad Hoc Committee to study the feasibility of consolidating law enforcement services

Robin Stowe gave the committee some background on this item. It wasn't until about 5-6 years ago where they changed the state statutes that allow counties to even consider this, because there was a time even when you wanted to do it, the county simply did not have the statutory authority to combine with another unit of law enforcement. Now we have that authority and what it requires essentially is an agreement between the two entities, but the County Board and the City Council would have to agree to merge forces and it's overseen by the County Sheriff. The Executive Committee is asking for the Public Safety Committee to introduce a resolution to County Board to adopt a feasibility study on this and present it to City Council.

Moved by Olsen, second by Dahms to draft a resolution establishing a joint City/County feasibility study to consolidate law enforcement services and present it to County Board. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Discuss underage drinking for property owners

Chairman Cahak stated that several months ago there was a discussion to adopt an ordinance for the county on underage drinking. Cahak Stated that the City Council did adopt theirs recently and asked if the county was interested in adopting a similar ordinance. Robin Stowe stated that he has already drafted an ordinance. Robin Stowe will send the draft to the Sheriff and Committee members to review and stated that there would need to be a Public Hearing on this before it would go to County Board. For discussion only at this time.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 04, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Olsen, second by Cahak to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 a.m. All ayes. **Motion Carried.**

Respectfully submitted

Kim Bissonette, Public Safety Committee Recording Secretary



**CHILD SUPPORT REPORT
PUBLIC SAFETY MTG.**

Date: November 6, 2012 8:00 am

- 1. CASE COUNT - 2,193**

- 2. EXPENSES/REVENUE TO DATE (Attached)**
REVENUE
EXPENSES
NET COST

- 3. PERFORMANCE MEASURES - September 2012**

	<u>Pat.Est.</u>	<u>C/O Rate</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
Langlade	105.93%	93.68%	72.94%
State	103.80%	86.72%	71.59%

	<u>Arrears Collection</u>
Langlade	68.46%
State	64.03%

- 4. EXTRA/OVER TIME**
USED: none

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CORONER'S REPORT

October 1- October 31 2012

19 Deaths reported

- 0 Death at ER investigated
- 1 Death enroute to hospital
- 0 Death first 24 hours hospital
- 4 Hospital deaths after 24 hours
- 4 Hospice deaths at hospital
- 2 Nursing home deaths natural
- 1 Hospital death with fall involved causing death *1825.00*
- 11 Cremations paid and photographed. Revenue (~~\$600.00~~)
- 0 Hospice deaths at nursing home
- 0 Hospice deaths at home
- 4 Residential deaths investigated
- 1 Suicide
- 1 Fatal car accidents
- 1 Fatal Utility Vehicle 5 year old killed
- 1 Blood draws
- 8 Death Certificates signed

Worked with DA, Sheriff Department, Police Department, hospital, nursing homes, ambulance service, funeral homes and donor organization.

Larry E Shadick



Emergency Management Report-Nov. 2012

October is the first month of Emergency Management's year with the State. FFY2012 documentation was completed and submitted. FFY2013 application process was done and also submitted. The funding reimbursement numbers stay consistent with a total of \$33,163.62 reimbursed for FFY2012 and FFY2013's numbers just as strong. Winter weather public awareness campaigns will begin this month. Here is a brief synopsis of some of the month's activities:

- Regional training session on Damage Assessment mobile application.
- Attend and lead a damage assessment breakout session at the State WEMA conference in Madison.
- Attend All Hands meeting with WEM and the Division of Military Affairs.
- Met with the Regional Director setting the FFY2013 Plan of Work.
- Merit Gear has increased the amount of Extremely Hazardous Materials above the threshold level and has become Langlade County's eighth planning facility. Work was begun on the extensive process of developing an off-site plan.
- Worked with several Towns on the development of their Emergency Operations Plan.
- Communications issues with WISCOM, Pickerel Fire and Rescue and Cirrinity.

Bills: As presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Henricks

Emergency Management Director

