

Green County Law Enforcement Committee
Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2020

Members Present:

Richard Thoman-Chairperson
Joe Snow -Vice Chairperson
Aaron Withee
Alex Lonien
John Bernstein

Non-members Present:

Dana Weber-Recording Secretary
Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud
Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski
Emer. Mngt. Director-Tanna McKeon

1. Verified that door is unlocked-Social distancing exercised.
2. Meeting called to order @ 5:30 a.m. by Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud.
3. **Elect Chair of Committee:** Sheriff Skatrud conducted the nominations for Chairperson. Joe Snow made a motion to nominate Richard Thoman as Chairman; 2nd by Calvin Wickline. Joe Snow made a motion to close nominations and declare Richard Thoman Chairman of the Law Enforcement Committee and 2nd by Aaron Withee. Motion Carried.
4. **Elect Vice-Chair of the Committee:** Chairman Thoman conducted the nominations for Vice-Chair and Aaron Withee made a motion to nominate Joe Snow; 2nd by Alex Lonien. John Bernstein made a motion to close nominations and declare Joe Snow Vice-Chair of the Law Enforcement Committee and 2nd by Aaron Withee. Motion Carried.
5. The committee did introductions of all present. Motion to approve minutes of the previous meeting by Joe Snow; 2nd by Aaron Withee; Motion Carried.
6. **Review EMS updates;** None.
7. **Review Emergency Management updates;** Emergency Management Director Tanna McKeon gave a brief overview of the emergency management department's job duties/responsibilities to the committee. EMG Director McKeon updated the committee on the Covid pandemic and the Emergency Operations Committee (EOC) response. EMG Director McKeon updated the committee on the donations, supplies, recovery plan, trailer and questions on the Covid pandemic and Green County's response. EMG Director McKeon advised that eligible expenses for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) might be reimbursed through a FEMA grant.
8. **Review and updates on Radio System:** Chief Deputy Thomas Moczynski stated that the Radio Ad Hoc met on April 29 and approved the purchase of Green County public safety subscriber radios and the actual bonding has already been approved. Sheriff Skatrud advised that there is about a 47% savings with purchasing the radios now.
9. **Review and possible approval of the purchase of radios for Green County users;** Chief Deputy Moczynski advised that with the county moving into Phase II of the radio project that a motion is recommended.

Alex Lonien made a motion to approve the purchase of the Green County public safety radios at a cost of \$408,090.74, along with the programming license at a cost of \$6,820.00; 2nd by Joe Snow. Motion Carried.
10. **Training Requests:** None.

11. Review Jail Population and jail medical issues: Sheriff Skatrud discussed the state of the department. The jail housed an average of 15 inmates for April and the population last year at this time was 43. Sheriff Skatrud indicated that there were 17 in custody this morning and the population is down due to the Covid pandemic. Sheriff Skatrud advised that most of the inmates were furloughed and the court systems are delaying sentencing. The department is trying to do some building updates with the low inmate population.

12. Review and approve Public Safety and Department updates; Sheriff Skatrud advised that the new canine deputy is at training in Iowa for the next 4 weeks and the department received 22 applications for the open dispatch opening. Sheriff Skatrud updated the committee that two deputies are attending the 720-hour patrol academy at Blackhawk Technical College and two jailers are almost done with the jail academy.

13. Review monthly Budget: Sheriff Skatrud advised that the department has spent about 28.3% of the budget thus far this year and the department is currently on track.

14. Audit bills: The Department Bills were reviewed and signed. A motion was made by John Bernstein and seconded by Aaron Withee to approve the bills. Motion carried.

15. Next Meeting: Next meeting date is on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Joe Snow moved to adjourn and Aaron Withee seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m. by Chairman Thoman.

Submitted by Dana Weber