

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, June 13, 2014**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 8:30am in the County Board Room of the Richland County Court House in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

LEJC Committee members present at the meeting were: Committee Chair, Fred Clary, Marty Brewer, Paul Kinney, Buford E. Marshall, Jr. (Junior Marshall) and Don Seep. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Darrell Berglin, Office Manager Amber Muckler and Lt. Bob Frank. Present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting were Richland County IT Supervisor Barb Scott, District Attorney Jennifer Harper, Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick, Sgt. Wes Starkey, Deputy Coroner Paul Higgins and citizen Scott Teuber.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order: Committee Chair Fred Clary called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for June 13, 2014 LEJC Meeting: Committee chair Fred Clary confirmed with Sheriff Berglin that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation, Clary declared that the meeting was properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Amended Agenda for June 13, 2014 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Paul Kinney to approve the amended agenda with 16 agenda items listed. 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion carried, amended agenda approved.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the May 9, 2014 and May 28, 2014 LEJC Meetings: Motion by Don Seep to approve the May 9, 2014 and May 28, 2014 minutes. 2nd to this motion by Junior Marshall. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #5: Clerk of Court Updates: Clerk of Court, Stacy Kleist mailed her material as she would not be present at the meeting. Chairman Clary asked for comments and there were none.

Agenda Item #6: District Attorney Update: DA Harper commented regarding things happening in our county. She noted that birth to death numbers in court are really going down. She also commented that discovery is going very well and information is getting to the proper places and people in a timely manner.

Agenda Item #7: Coroner Update: Deputy Coroner Paul Higgins stated that case numbers are down this year, which brings him to talk about agenda #11.

Agenda Item #11: Cremation Fee Increase: Deputy Coroner Paul Higgins stated that Richland County has the lowest fees at \$75, they would like to raise the rate to \$100 to stay in line with other counties (i.e. Vernon, Crawford, Grant). Last

year Richland County had 140 cremation cases. The board recommended changing the fee to \$100 as of September 1, 2014. Motion made by Marty Brewer, 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #9: Mapping/Radio Updates: Lt. Bob Frank reported that maps have been completed and gone over. Maps are being passed out for First Responders and EMS. Maps will be laminated for EMS.

Radio – Lt. Bob Frank reported the radio has hit a snag, engineering part is complete however, payment for the bills states in the resolution that it must come out of the 2013 budget. The County Clerk denied payment due to the 2013 budget being closed. Chairman Clary said this is a revolving fund, possibly call Jeanetta and ask to be put on the June county board session and have Finance meet before the board meeting, if this is approved the same day this bill can get paid quicker.

Agenda Item #13: Selling old squad cars: Lt. Bob Frank reported that the old squads have been stripped out. Squad DBL needs a lot of work, looking into possibly selling 2 old squads and DBL and possibly replace 1 squad.

*At this time Corporate Counsel Ben Southwick arrived. Chairman Clary requested to interrupt the current agenda item and begin discussing agenda item #10.

Agenda Item #10: Scott Teuber – Reference Ordinance 2002-11: Sheriff Berglin stated the Bunker Hill event has exceeded the number of people and a letter was sent to Mr. Teuber stating he would need a permit in place to be in compliance to hold his event. As of May 28th Bunker Hill has another event that needs to have the same permit in place. Sheriff had talked to Mr. Teuber a few weeks back and asked him to think about coming before the committee. This morning the sheriff's department received an application and check for the August 12th event at Bunker Hill.

Mr. Teuber stated that Country in the Hills, because it is the first year being held has no evidence showing it will be in violation of Ordinance 2002-11. First year event turnout is thought to be around 500 camping. Currently they have 100 campers; this may increase by another 100 during the event. Two bands will be playing and they are expecting about 1500 people. Saturday of the event they will have lots of people coming and going. Mr. Teuber and his people will be taking pictures and keeping head counts during this event. The camping area has a state permit, the state has come out and inspected the grounds. Mr. Teuber will have factual data next week after the event is over. Mr. Teuber believes there is no violation, if he thought there would be he would have taken the proper steps.

DA Harper commented that the Cannon Ball Run is based on evidence from prior years, she thinks that the current event they can't do an injunction, it would be a backwards review.

Chairman Clary said that today the committee is concentrating on the ordinance and being in compliance.

Counsel Ben Southwick stated that a letter was sent on behalf of the county. Terms of this letter need to be clear: 12 hours or more with more than 2000 people, if this is so fines could be \$1000 to \$5000. If evidence is there, then it is recommended to give the county the authority to prosecute. The August event will likely trigger this ordinance and if there is no permit the county may seek an injunction. Section 8A

says the ordinance will be enforced by Corporation Counsel by the direction of law enforcement.

Sheriff Berglin states that the Cannon Ball Run goes from August 12th to August 16th. The application for the Cannon Ball was received this morning, which shows Mr. Teuber is making a good faith effort. There are some concerns with the application, the deadline has been met, however in the application process you must have some specific things: Emergency services must be available and on hand.

Counsel Southwick comments 3 days of violations could reach a maximum penalty of \$15,000 (\$5,000 per day).

Sheriff Berglin stated that the last event like this was in Yuba. The sheriff wants to make sure Mr. Teuber is in compliance.

Counsel Southwick stated that Corporation counsel and the sheriff will work together to make sure the application has been completed properly. If everything is complete the permit can be issued. There is no permit for the current event which is going on at this time. Don Seep questioned why Mr. Teuber didn't apply for a permit with this current event taking place. Mr. Teuber stated he didn't feel a first time event would need to have a permit issued.

Chairman Clary stated that Mr. Teuber has met the requirements of the application deadline, check off will need to be done by the Sheriff's Dept, Zoning, Clerk's office, Emergency Government. If all these things are met the permit will be issued. Questions came about regarding on-site inspections (i.e. proper toilets, water, etc.). DA Harper stated that law enforcement can do checks at any time on-site. DA Harper stated that there does need to be a plan in place and a way to identify if the plan has been acted upon. She is interested in compliance.

Chairman Clary stated that an application has been completed, Mr. Teuber has done what has been asked and met the application deadline for the Cannon Ball Run. It is the responsibility of Mr. Teuber to work on compliance with various departments.

Mr. Teuber states that in the future he would like to see an ordinance that really works. His event raises money for charity, it has been a good event for the county. He would like to see a re-write of the current ordinance and would be more than happy to be a part of that and have some input in the future.

Sheriff Berglin states that an ordinance needs to be in place to provide safety for these types of events. If the ordinance will be amended in the future, a good job will need to be done in amending that ordinance.

It was concluded that Mr. Teuber will submit a written plan within the next 7 days for the Cannon Ball Run event in August.

Return to Agenda Item #13: Selling old squads: The sheriff stated that the department is looking into possibly selling 4 old squads, the best way might be by selling them on the state on-line auction site. The department is looking at buying a used car to replace the old squads. Chairman Clary stated he does not think buying a used vehicle is the answer. The department is already authorized to sell 2 old squads, Chairman Clary would like all 4 sold. Sheriff Berglin states we must have a plan if we sell all 4 vehicles.

Agenda Item #15: Possible amendment to Resolution 2014-19 (Equipment for new squad cars) or other options to cover additional costs: Sheriff Berglin stated there has been a change in the cages used in the new squads due to officers not being able to put the front seat back far enough. To put in a new half cage design it actually costs more, this new design also alters the gun mount in the vehicle. The

prisoner is in the back half that is caged. When the equipment was originally ordered everything was ordered as the previous year, however after the order was made it was brought to the departments attention that not all the officers could fit comfortably in the vehicle because the seat could only go back so far. This meant the cage design needed to be modified and costs came in a little higher than first expected. The costs were \$1,224 more than the original resolution. Sheriff Berglin stated that he believes altering the 2 squads we are currently changing over should take care of the issue.

Chairman Clary states that changeover costs for the SUV's have been excessive (\$10,000 per vehicle). His concern is the next time around we won't be able to afford the explorer and we may have to go back to a sedan. Sheriff Berglin states that if you go with a whole new vehicle design, that would be a whole new set of equipment and that would not bring down your change over costs. After the department starts ordering SUV's to replace the current SUV's in the fleet, you will see the changeover costs go back down. Sheriff Berglin comments that the SUV's have been a great all weather vehicle and has been happy with them.

Chairman Clary suggests taking the excess amount of the costs of the new cage to be taken out of the new equipment line item in the sheriff's budget.

Request to take \$1,224 out of the new equipment line item. Motion made by Buford Marshall, 2nd to this motion by Don Seep. Resolution will be pulled by the county board. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #8: Approve Monthly Invoices and other Sheriff's Department Reports: Sheriff Berglin presented his blue sheet report and other reports and discussed them with the committee. Comments were made by the sheriff stating that ACH is providing a reduction in medical expenses in the jail. In mid August we should get an actual report from ACH with some statistics.

Lt. Bob Frank states the landline phone contract will be going to Finance. Radio page site had a break in the cable, not sure of the cause, that problem is getting fixed today.

Sheriff Berglin commented that the jail population has dropped a little in the past month. Two new people were hired as dispatcher/jailers, Mike Bell and Joe Eytalis, which both started on June 18th.

Questions and comments made on the following bills - #25 Southwest Tech (training EVOC and jailer training), #5 Brite - 2 new squads needed computers put in the vehicles. Motion was made by Paul Kinney to approve the bills and blue sheet information, 2nd this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved. No questions on the payroll or budget sheets.

Agenda Item #14: Ordinance amendment regarding minimum qualifications for road patrol deputies: Sheriff Berlin stated that in prior years, before Act 10 dispatchers hired to the department could move to the road and the department would have provided the schooling for that new road officer. Now they are considered two separate things. The department is now seeking if someone is being appointed to a road officer position, that person must have the schooling prior to beginning employment for that position. The sheriff stated he did not believe this would hinder candidates for hiring for future road positions. It is required to have 60 college credits in any field, once hired that person must have the 13 weeks of academy certification. If they are currently taking the course they should still apply, but the schooling must be completed before beginning employment. Motion was made by Don Seep to approve sending this change in ordinance to the county board, 2nd to this

motion by Buford Marshall. Comment was made that this is just a change regarding the road officer position, this has nothing to do with dispatch or jail. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #16: Adjourn: Motion by Don Seep to adjourn, 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed. The next meeting will be July 11, 2014 at 8:30 am, meeting adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by,
Office Manger Amber Muckler