

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, May 8, 2015**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 8:30am in the County Board Room of the Richland County Court House in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present at the meeting were: Committee Chair Fred Clary and Committee members Buford Marshall, Paul Kinney, Don Seep and Marty Brewer. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Jim Bindl, Chief Deputy Chad Kanable, Amber Muckler and Lt. Bob Frank. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was DA Jennifer Harper, Barb Scott, and Sgt Wes Starkey.

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 May 8, 2015 LEJC Meeting: Committee chair Clary confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted with one amendment. Upon receiving confirmation Clary declared the meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for May 8, 2015 Meeting: Motioned by Marty Brewer to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Paul Kinney. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the April 10, 2015 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Don Seep to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Paul Kinney. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Clerk of Court Updates: Stacy mailed her reports, no comments or questions from the committee.

Agenda Item #8: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: Don questioned #36, Wertz plumbing bill, regarding the air handler that was put in dispatch. Sheriff Bindl stated #35 bill, regarding deer vs. squad repair and that the department has had many deer accidents with squads this year. Kinney questioned #25, regarding Hwy bill for impound. The Highway department takes care of the grounds and maintains the fencing and snow and weed control. Clary states this is something that needs to continue in the future. Clary states with the Wertz bill, one of the items regarding that bill would be changing of the filters and this needs to be done, Clary was unsure of who will be responsible to do this duty. The filters are located in the ceiling in the dispatch area. Lt. Frank read over the minutes from the November 2014 meeting and there was no one issued that responsibility, but Clary states that someone needs to maintain those filters. Motion to approve the monthly bills by Don Seep, 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion carried and approved.

Sheriff Bindl went over the blue sheet and the jail statistics for the month. Kinney questioned what happens to inmates put on suicide watch, Bindl states they are put in separate cells and observed. Seep wondered why the big jump in citations, change in weather can be a factor along with other things. Clary went over the Daily Population and EMP statistics sheet issued by the jail. Paul Kinney motioned to approve the sheriff's and jail reports, 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Approved.

Agenda Item #7: Coroner Updates: Coroner Jim Rossing updated the committee on the number of calls for the month which was 10. There has been participation in the search at the Gotham boat landing. Rossing would like to see a fax machine put in the coroner's office, for security reasons he thinks this is necessary. No separate line is needed, a "fax stick" can be installed to help this. Motion by Marty Brewer to approve the purchase of a fax machine in the coroner's office. 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion carried and approved.

Rossing talked about the coroner's office taking medications from a site, he doesn't see the need for non-prescriptions meds to be taken from a site. Rossing would like to have this portion of his policy changed. Talk of compensation for extra work done, lots of hours spent on paperwork and Rossing would like to see something done regarding this issue. Clary states that Corp Counsel needs to probably look into this issue. Rossing has contacted Sauk and Iowa County to see how it's handled and he would like Richland county coroner's office to have something done also. Clary states he wants Rossing to put something in writing and refer it to Corp Counsel.

Agenda Item #6: District Attorney Update: DA Harper informed the committee that members of her office and other departments went to training in Fennimore regarding interview techniques on sexual assault cases. Jennifer is wanting to put together a team between law enforcement and her department to investigate sexual assaults and everyone else is on board, she is in the process of putting this together. Harper commented that traffic offenses, burglaries and other incidents do happen once the weather becomes warmer. Harper commented on the pheasant killings that happened at the high school, she said the police department did a wonderful job investigating this incident. There were 4 individuals that were brought to court, these charges for this incident are felonies (animal abuse resulting in death).

Agenda Item #9: Mapping/Radio Updates: Mapping: Continued work on County Hwy OO, Lt Frank will be working on a resolution for this project. Concerns for this project were costs to change addresses for certain citizens that live along that portion of the highway. Lt. Frank states there have been issues when it comes to ambulance calls on this portion of the highway and that this project needs to be completed for these types of issues. Work will also continue on the trailer park issues. **Radio:** Yuba tower – tower study has failed to be able to add equipment, the department has data and it will need to be studied in order to know what needs to be done in the future. Tower height is an issue with this project and that will need to be looked into as well, a different site might be an option as well or even building our own tower. That tower is used for cell phone reception, which is owned by US Cellular. Issues with paging, Chief Deputy Kanable thinks it is resolved, found there were 4 different tones that were programmed wrong in the dispatch council, this should no longer be an issue. Lone Rock fire district has a repeater they have purchased and within the next 2 weeks the repeater will be installed in Lone Rock and that should

help fire and EMS in that area. Lone Rock purchased this equipment a few years ago, so there may be some benefit to our department in that area. Yuba store and forward has been resolved and will be up and running in two weeks. There was a purchase of 8 squad radio's that we bought a few years ago and had been sitting down in Madison, this equipment will be utilized and working in the next month.

Agenda Item #10: Union MOU for Detective/Investigator position: Sheriff Bindl informed the committee about some wording changes with the MOU. Seep motion to forward this issue to Finance and Personnel, 2nd by Marty. Clary states this was done years ago with the department, the 2nd Lt. position was to replace the initial investigator position. There is a similar position at the city and there is minimal overtime issues with that position, Kanable believes that with good time management overtime issues should not be a factor with this position that is being created. Lt. Frank referenced that Ordinance 89-4 would need to be amended as well. Clary states this MOU is being created to eliminate the current Lt. position on a 5-2 schedule and change it to a union position on a 6-3 schedule, there will be some savings between these two positions, however the replacement position will be allowed to have overtime. At this time there is no job description for this new position, but that will be created in the future. Sheriff Bindl talked about the 14th position that has been left vacant, this position would also allow for this 14th position to be filled to help out overtime issues with the deputies. Clary states that the department needs to show that overtime will not be an issue with this position. Base savings between the positions was discussed. Motioned carried to have this issue forwarded to the Finance and Personnel committee.

Agenda Item #11: Discussion of Frontier Contract: This is a maintenance contract with Frontier, this contract covers equipment and is somewhat an insurance policy if the equipment does fail. The coverage is for 1 year, next year should be on Next Generation 911 software. Estimated future total costs for the Next Generation 911 software would be around \$150,000, which replaces 2 dispatch councils, reporting software, allows for text messages to be sent and received, this software will be available sometime next summer, this is not believed to be a required upgrade, but will be something that will have to be looked into in the future. The Frontier contract is \$1,328.55 for a 1 year contract, this is a bridge to get us from the current equipment to the upgraded software. MIS Director states there are 4 other states that will upgrading to the Next Generation 911, Wisconsin will be one of the last to do this upgrade. Kanable states the Next Generation 911 information was brought about today just to inform the committee of what is happening in the future. Clary states currently there is not the funding for the upgrade and hopes that the county can look into finding grant money available for the possible upgrade. Marty Brewer motioned to approve Frontier maintenance agreement to be taken out of the computer line, 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion carried and approved.

Agenda Item #12: Squad Bids: Chief Deputy Kanable states there was only 1 bid that was received, there was no advertisement done, this bid was nothing formal. Clary states the committee would like to reject all bids received and advertise with proper specs. Motion by Buford Marshall to reject all bids and re-advertise with proper specs, 2nd to this motion by Don Seep. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13: Set Road Patrol Interview Date: Clary states Chief Deputy Kanable can give the committee members calls to figure out what dates will work for the interviews.

Agenda Item #14: Adjourn; Motion by Paul Kinney to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, June 12, 2015 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Marty Brewer . Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler