

LEJC Meeting April 7th, 2017

Members present: Clary, Marshall, Peters, Brewer. Seep tardy.

Meeting called to order at 830 by Chairman Fred Clary

Clary asked if meeting properly posted: Yes.

Motion by Marshall, second by Brewer to approve posting and agenda

Motion to approve minutes by Brewer, 2nd by Peters—approved

Item #5 Coroner Update-Chief Deputy Coroner Ruth Bristol

6 calls for month, 7 autopsies pending

28 hospice pending

2 fire deaths

Bristol informed committee of notes from Coroner James Rossing: Nature of deaths makes it hard to cut, no pay for monthly meetings, he didn't see anywhere he can cut.

Clary—any areas to increase revenues? State sets price for autopsies, no.

Clary stated the budgets for 2018 is where we want to adjust coroners fees. Bristol stated we are the cheapest county in the State for what we are charging for calls.

Clary calls for any questions—No questions

Vice Chairman Don Seep arrives at 0832am

Probate report

Probate Representative—not present, out on medical leave per Clerk of Court Stacy Kleist.

Clerk of Court report

Court record updates and tallies are up. Increase scattered over several categories. Report handed out to members.

Judicial assignments are about the same as last month. Vernon Co has new Judge, Judge Rood, a civil attorney who won the election.

Collections/expenditures/revenues: We are using SDC and it is a nice supplement to TRIP, receiving funds from that. It will only grow. Included in today's packets are 4 reports showing the collections, expenditures and revenues.

Strategies for expenditure reduction and revenue increase:

Revenue was just covered.

Expenditures: I want to get further away from law library expense. Will speak with the Judge regarding how much needs to be updated in print and how much they want to keep. Many expenses can't be reduced, much equipment owned by the state. Don't know where we can further cut.

Questions: none voiced

Veterans Service Report

Karen Knock is absent due to National Guard duties, Jacob Lundgren is here representing the Community Service Program proposal. Members have a handout on this proposed program. No cost for background checks, no county budget expenditures, advantages to free up court and get labor for unpaid citations.

Clary-questions?

Marshall made the comment that the Veteran Service Committee approved this program.

Clary-Need to check liability coverage which goes through the county clerk. My issue is that these juveniles are working in this community service, where is the counties exposure, we need to be properly protected in that realm. No concerns about supervision, this is the only answer I need done. Clary asks the Sheriff to look into the insurance liability. Sheriff Bindl agrees.

Brewer—If no Veterans are available on a Saturday, will the Sheriff's Office be involved?—Jacob Lundgren answered no, it will be covered. No added responsibility to the county.

Seep—These are Juvenile offenders? Is there an issue of protecting their identity? Lundgren—names are not publicized.

Seep—Is there a need for the veteran to protect their identity? DA Harper—Its prudent, but I believe it's not necessary for the Veterans to know the juveniles identity.

Seep—who will manage this project? Karen has spoken with Terry Salisbury.

Seep—Who will be responsible for advising the veterans of their responsibilities here? DA Harper—provided by DHHS and should have some little training for the do's and don't's.

DA Harper—this will try to get kids in to pro-social activities and interact with veterans. Lets kids know they are not lost.

Seep—In terms of the veterans who volunteer, is there a screening process? Lundgren-Yes, background checks.

Seep—How much staff time will be attributed to the county? Veterans service officer? DA Harper—zero

Clary-We need a motion. Brewer made a motion of support, 2nd by Peters, with caveat the insurance be checked out and ok. If it checks, it does not have to come back to us, it can proceed.

All in favor: Aye—unanimous.

DA Update: DA Harper

Currently working with the state and the Feds and county DTF's. Federal indictments came out of Madison on an investigation. Alabama, California, and WI were addressed and case came to conclusion this past week.

Bills: three expenses. Copier maintenance, employee benefits corp and another for \$7.34. Just over \$170. It is inappropriate to raise revenue through my dept.

Revenue ideas: Question about charging for paper service. Area counties charge each time it's attempted, Richland Co. charges one price for up to 2 services. Clary stated it was changed to a flat rate and it increased revenue. Harper—we are getting charged each time by other counties. Kleist—can we get service reimbursement through the DA? Court ordered? Harper-we can look into it, but we should still not give other counties our freebies.

Seep—why was revenue increased?

Clary—I recall after we changed the policy, our actual paid revenue increased.

Harper—it's another option

Clary- If the Sheriff wants to readdress it, there's nothing wrong to re looking at it. It's been 10 or 12 yrs since we adjusted our rate.

Drug Paraphernalia ordinance—DA Harper handed out a example to members. DTF and Chief Deputy Chad Kanable came asking the DA about creating a drug paraphernalia ordinance, DA Harper wanted to address. Ordinance parallels the one the city of Richland Center has now. This could be used in the event of finding minor paraphernalia during a traffic stop or whatever. Citation ends up being a citation for the presence of THC.

Clary—is there a state ordinance for this? Who does the prosecution?

DA Harper—yes, and me

Clary- we have no ordinance now for this? DA Harper—No.

Clary-this is coming here for recommendation from the DA and the Sheriff?

Bindl and Harper—yes

Motion to approve: Motion made by Peters, 2nd by Marshall.

DA will forward this to Corporate Council; want to see it back in LEJC meeting in 30 days preferred.

Questions: None

Vote—Unanimous in favor.

Sheriff's Dept.—Sheriff Bindl

Monthly Invoices: Spoke on item #24 Nina Fields bill from the hospital. Sheriff Bindl passed around an explanation of the expense with daily and ER rates we pay to the hospital. We are at a loss where the money will come from.

Clary-this upsets me quite a bit because this person had been convicted and sentenced but not moved to the state yet. As far as I'm concerned, I would send this bill to the state. We were caring for their inmate.

Kleist—Judgment was done almost immediately after sentencing.

DA Harper—I think the state should pay too.

Clary—I say remove it from the vouchers and send it to the state for payment

Peters: I agree

Brewer—Motion to send bill to the state. 2nd by Marshall.

Seep—Is custody the issue? Clary—I don't know.

Motion to send this bill to the state and remove it from the monthly bills.

Vote: all in favor, aye. Unanimous

Motion by Clary, 2nd by Peters to approve remaining vouchers.

Vote: all in favor, Aye—unanimous

#11 Bindl--Nothing has changed. I got the email on the proposed numbers the other day and was shocked, will look at it.

Clary-what he is referring to, the County Board chair did an estimate of what departments would look like if the 15% would occur using the tax levy. It is far from happening but it was put out.

The issue is review expenditures and enhance revenue.

We have to have results by September. The issue of children being placed into institutions isn't going away so this needs to be addressed. Maybe the drug bust will be a help, but that's the on going issue. Anything any dept head can do will be welcomly received.

Bindl—we have asked deputies to look for free training, trying to do day training, but again, we have to have 24 hrs of training for every deputy.

Clary—Can any of this be done on line? Kanable—some, but some are mandated by the state and can not be.

See-blue-sheet for stats

Questions: none

#12 Traffic grant—Sgt Starkey

Informational only. The Sheriff's Department is doing another traffic grant. The State granted \$60,000 for our county. The RCPD is not participating. LRPD said yes, and not contacted Viola PD. The grant runs June 1 through Aug 30. There is a 25% soft match from the county. They changed our requirements slightly as far as number of stops vs. warnings.

Clary-how feasible is it to have a stop every 45 minutes? Kanable-very. Starkey, this is our 3rd year and we always meet requirements.

Seep—if someone is doing 5-8 mph over the legal limit, is that a warning. Starkey—Officer discretion

Brewer—does it boarder on harassment if we stop every 45min? Kanable/Starkey-no.

Clary-what do we need from this committee? Starkey-recommendation to approve.

Marshall—Motion to approve, Peters—2nd.

Seep—define soft match—When it is happening, officers on duty but not totally on the grant, but makes stops we can claim. No matching expense from the county.

Questions: none

Vote: All in favor, Aye: Unanimous

Mapping and Radios/Squads-Chief Deputy Kanable

Mapping issues continue. MIS and SO are working on it. No updates since 2009.

Radios: three Vehicle repeaters sent in for repair and two radios since last meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Peters, 2nd Marshall.

Clary-Back on our normal date and time next meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Chief Deputy Chad Kanable