

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, February 9, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, February 9, 2018 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, Gary Peters, Don Seep and Marty Brewer. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Jim Bindl, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Richland County Clerk of Circuit Court Stacy Kleist, Sandy McNamer, Lt. Dane Kanable, and Deputy Coroner Ruth Bristol.

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 February 9, 2018 LEJC Meeting: Committee chair Clary confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Clary declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for February 9, 2018 Meeting: Motioned by Marty Brewer to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the January 12, 2018 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Gary Peters to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Committee approval for evidence money for disbursement: This item has been taken off the agenda.

Agenda Item #6: Discussion on Higher Ground: Barb Scott discussed with the committee regarding what Higher Ground is, which is a recording of all calls that come into dispatch and 911 and is required by state statute. Our higher ground system is 9 years old and it is failing, we used to have a contract with Mactek to maintain the higher ground system. There are 2 options, the first option being \$37,437 for a new system. The other option is to do a 5 year contract which provides continuous maintenance for \$24,420 which will need to be paid this year. The county will then be billed in 2019 for \$12,160 which will cover for the next 4 years. Ms. Scott says this is something that needs to be decided on by the end of the month, this offer expired February 1st and Ms. Scott got the company to extend the offer through the end of the month. Currently the system has been down for 3 days. Clary thinks we need to look at the jail assessment accounts, 911 outlay account and other budget line surplus. Clary wants to temporarily table this item and move to other items in the agenda. Clary came back to this agenda item stating that the department could use jail assessment for this expense which would drop this account to around \$25,000 but

funds are being added to this account every month. Motion by Marty Brewer to approve the maintenance agreement to be taken out of the jail assessment fund. Second to this motion by Don Seep. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #7: Coroner Updates: January brought 13 calls, 1 autopsy with 3 possible autopsies pending.

Agenda Item #8: Probate Update: Sandy McNamer went over her reports and invoices with the committee members.

Agenda Item #9: Clerk of Court Updates: Clerk of Court Kleist went over her reports with the committee members. The Clerk's office has received the first payment for state aid, the second payment for state aid will come later in the year.

Agenda Item #10: District Attorney Updates: Not available for this meeting.

Agenda Item #11: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: The committee looked over the invoices for the month. Motion to approve the invoice for the month made by Marty Brewer, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved. Sheriff Bindl went over the blue sheet statistics with the committee members and other reports issued by Jail Sgt. McCarthy.

Agenda Item #12: Committee approval of hotel rates over the state allowed government rates: Muckler informed the committee of some training by the officers that required overnight stays at different locations. When looking for hotels close to these training sites and comparing prices, the prices for government rates at the hotels were rates that were well above the state allowed government rates. Muckler is asking for approval for 4 different hotel stays. The first rate for approval would be in LaCrosse at \$93 for 1 person and another stay in LaCrosse for \$91 for 1 person, the other 2 stays are for double occupancy in Milwaukee County at a rate of \$122.55 each time. Motion by Don Seep to approve the hotel rates for payment, second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #13: Jail Lock Issues: There was a failure on block B slides in the jail. SGTS was out and looked at the problem, which are currently operating but could fail at any time. The Sheriff informed the committee that just to retro-fit one block is around \$10,000 which would come out of jail assessment. Other items anticipated for the jail assessment account could be the possibility of resurfacing 2 more showers. Clary would like to see the one block retrofitted. Motion by Buford Marshall to approve the retro-fitting of the one block which would come out of jail assessment, 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion approved. Sheriff Bindl stated that Perkins locks does the maintenance for around \$3000 a year.

Agenda Item #14: Additional Sergeants in the jail: Sheriff Bindl informed the committee that in discussion with Jail Sgt. McCarthy, there is heavy work load that is put on only one person. The Sheriff's thoughts were to possibly have another person as a jail sergeant to help cover this work load and responsibility. Clary states that the sheriff's ordinance may state how many sergeants are allowed in the department. Clary states this would be a change in the ordinance which has to go to County Board, there would also be a cost change as a wage would be different as well.

Motion by Don Seep to make a change in the ordinance and forward to the county board. Second to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #15: Approval to advertise for male jailer/dispatcher: Taking this item off the agenda.

Agenda Item #16: Open squad bids: Sheriff Bindl stated the bids have come in for the SUV and Pickup truck. The equipment costs for the pickup truck would come from the K-9 unit fund. The current K-9 unit could be kept in the fleet, but could be used for other officers. The bid for the pickup truck is for a Ford F-150 from Fillback Ford in the amount of \$36,853.00 and for the SUV which is a Ford Explorer at \$28,743.08 also from Fillback Ford. The estimate for the K-9 unit equipment costs would be around \$15,000. Motion for approval of these bids out of new car outlay made by Buford Marshall, second to this motion by Gary Peters. The sheriff stated that they are looking at a different company to put in all the equipment which is coming in less than our current company of General Communications by about \$3000 which could help save in costs. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #17: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Sheriff Bindl stated that the 911 system did go down this past week which has been fixed. Chief Deputy Kanable was not available for this meeting and so the information will be passed on at the next meeting.

Agenda Item #18: Adjourn; Motion by Marty Brewer to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler