

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

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, November 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 Marty Brewer and Committee members Buford Marshall, Gary Peters, Larry Sebranek and Melissa Luck. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Jim Bindl, Chief Deputy Chad Kanable, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Jenifer Laue, Sgt. Steve Herbers and a representative from Baycom Communications.

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

**Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for November 9, 2018 LEJC Meeting:** Committee Chair Brewer confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Brewer declared meeting properly posted.

**Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for November 9, 2018 Meeting:** Motioned by Buford Marshall to approve the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Larry Sebranek. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the October 12, 2018 LEJC Meeting:** Motion by Larry Sebranek to approve the minutes as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Melissa Luck. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

**Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates:** Item skipped, no one available for this meeting.

**Agenda Item #6: Discussion and possible action regarding taser program with Axon Enterprise:** Sergeant Steve Herbers discussed with the committee some information he received regarding tasers. He informed them that the department is having an issues with the current tasers we have batteries are no longer being made and this makes it difficult for the department as they can no longer be used once the battery is dead. Sergeant Herbers presented a taser to the committee to show them what a taser looks like and also talked about a taser program that the company Axon Enterprise is offering. This program offers 17 tasers, holsters, and batteries for five years for a total of \$26,435. If anything goes wrong with the tasers within the first 5 years everything is covered under this program. The first year cost would be \$4,115.00 and every year after that would be a cost of \$5,627.00. A battery will last about 250 deployments of the taser with the new tasers, older tasers only deploy about 195 times on one battery life. The sheriff added that the taser is an effective use of force option over the deputy having to use a firearm in most cases. The yellow tasers we have are 2 year old pieces of equipment we obtained from Sauk County and

now two years later these pieces of equipment are beginning to fail. Motion made to move ahead with this program and have the money come out of the new equipment line item by Larry Sebranek, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Updates:** Clerk of Court Kleist emailed her reports to the committee members prior to the meeting.

**Agenda Item#8: Probate Department:** Jenifer Laue went over her reports and updates with the committee members. She spoke briefly about expenses for her department during the month, and other fees collected during the month.

**Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates:** The District Attorney was not available for this meeting.

**Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports:** The Sheriff went over the green sheet jail statistics with the committee members. The committee members went over the invoices for the month. Motion to approve paying the bills made by Gary Peters, second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #11: Committee approval of bid(s) for the jail lock maintenance contract:** Chief Deputy looked over the bids for the jail lock system. The two bids we received have never worked for us before and the bids we received are also not apples for apples, so they are two totally different bids. Pieper Power and TT&J Holdings are the two bids received. Chief Deputy doesn't feel comfortable delaying the process another month, but would like to look into these bids for next month.

**Agenda Item #12: Committee approval of antenna installation at Bunker Hill Tower:** Chief Deputy informed the committee about 6 to 8 months ago the department purchased a used repeater from Iowa County. New antenna needs to be put on the tower for the repeater to work. The cost will be around \$1200 to \$1300 to get this antenna installed. The money will be taken out of the radio new equipment line item. Motion made by Buford Marshall to approve this purchase, second to this motion by Larry Sebranek. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #13: Action regarding electrical issues in the Sheriff's Department:** Chief Deputy Kanable informed the committee that the dispatcher area is having issues with the electrical system and when this happened it took out one of the dispatch computers and the control switch for the jail cameras. If this type of outage would happen again there is no replacement computer for dispatch. Kanable stated the wiring in that area is very messed up and causing these electrical issues. There will be a contractor coming in to check the loads on the circuits and get issues fixed and if there are more problems and then this will have to be brought back up to the committee. There is also a lot of wiring and electrical issues in the admin office.

**Agenda Item #14: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates:** Nothing new on mapping. Radio – there was an issue at the Sylvan Tower last night and a new repeater is going to be put in there. New radio equipment is going into the squad cars and the tuning of this equipment has been resolved. There will be a small fee for this

extra tuning of the radio equipment for squads as the old equipment was failing quite often. Kanable is working with the IT department on the 911 RFP system, so they are moving forward.

**Agenda Item #15: Adjourn;** Motion by Melissa Luck to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, December 14, 2018 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler