

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 14, 2011

Chairman Frank McCoy called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Committee members present:

Frank McCoy	Herbert Cornell
Jerry Cade	John Mitchell
Chief Deputy Sheriff Nathan Campbell	Sheriff John Spears

Cade moved to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2011 meeting. Mitchell seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Cornell moved to approve the Coroner vouchers in the amount of \$875.60 and Cade seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Coroner needs a new fax machine drum at a cost of \$249.99.

The law enforcement bills were reviewed and explanations provided as requested. Cade moved and Cornell seconded a motion to pay Sheriff's bills in the sum of \$60,162.84. The bills included one-half of the cost of a recorder being shared with Crimestoppers. If a person is put on hold they will hear a Crimestopper promotion and "tip of the month." Motion carried unanimously.

In his Sheriff's Activity Report, Sheriff Spears said we are trying to add a K-9 to our staff and it appears we can do it without any expense to the County. A K-9 committee will do fund raisers for buying the dog and training officers. The K-9 will be assigned to an officer for drug searches and can be cross-trained for search and rescue. We are looking at installation of an ozone system for the prisoner laundry room. It will be a different grant than the Solar panel grant and will cost \$16,000 to install, but is anticipated to save \$4,000 per year. The system will use less soap, water, and heat for the laundry. We will also put in a request for Ho-Chunk funds for energy efficient light installation.

Vernon and Monroe County have several reports of people burglarizing three local churches on Sunday nights, and beating the safes open with something similar to a maul. And finally, the Sheriff shot a bear in Town of Forest. The bear was sick and unable to navigate. Parts were sent to a lab by the DNR for analysis, but it was possibly poisoned.

The next meeting is Tuesday, August 16, 2011. Cornell moved to adjourn and Cade seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Carol Oliver, Acting Secretary