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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

November 10, 2011

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

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

McCoy confirmed that the Agenda was properly posted. Cade moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2011 meeting. Gobel seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Cade moved to approve the Coroner vouchers in the amount of \$4,054.62 and Gobel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Coroner income for July was \$675.00. Coroner Reed reported that again the bills were high, due to 2 autopsies. Mitchell entered the meeting.

The law enforcement bills were reviewed and explanations provided as requested. Vouchers were higher this month, reflecting Kwik Trip bills for two months, and the annual fee statement from Dr. Menn. Cade moved and Cornell seconded a motion to pay Sheriff's bills in the sum of \$88,532.19. Motion carried unanimously.

In his Sheriff's report, the Sheriff said that the 12 hour shifts have been implemented, with officers doing more walking and checking doors. The Monroe County inmate count is up, sometimes 10-15 over the contracted guaranteed number. We have been checking into medical contracts for the jail. Some come with legal protection. On the other hand, we can call on our local staff 24-7.

Our E911 was installed in 2000 and the wireless cell feature was updated in 2007. The Windows XP operating system is no longer supported unless we go to a 5 year support program, at which time the county would need to migrate to a new platform. Vernon Telephone is proposing an interim 5-year support system, replacing the 5 year old computers, and refreshing the computer hardware, which would give the E911 system a longer life. A handout was delivered to the Committee and the upgrade was relegated to the December agenda for a vote. The cost of the 911 system is spread over the entire county tax base so that residents without wireline telephones and absentee landowners pay their fair share.

Emergency Management is looking into a new system replacing pagers, whereby notification of calls goes to cell phones. It was suggested that departments and municipalities not subscribe to this program individually when the County could maybe get a discount for County-wide purchase.

We looked at two canines with the assistance of a canine handler from the East side of the State. The German Shepherd really impressed the handler. We took the dog, thereafter named Larz, to Dr. David Jacobs for a vet check. The dog needed a few minor medicals, a food upgrade and Dr. Jacobs committed to donating veterinarian services for one year. The dog was purchased, using the community donated K-9 funds. We have raised \$10,000 through donations to date.

The next meeting is Thursday, December 8, 2011. Cade moved to adjourn, Mitchell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.



Carol Oliver, Acting Secretary