

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
July 11, 2019

Joholski called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Committee members present:

Cary Joholski  
Frank Easterday  
Mary Henry  
Sheriff John Spears

Mike Leis  
Darrel Clark  
Chief Deputy Nathan Campbell - Absent

**Others in Attendance:** Supervisor Roger Call, Vernon Reporter Tim Hundt, and a BayCom Representative.

Joholski confirmed that the Agenda was properly posted. Leis moved to approve the minutes of the June meeting. Easterday seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Invoices:**

The Sheriff's invoices were reviewed and explanations provided as requested. Clark moved and Henry seconded a motion to pay the invoices in the sum of \$97,037.76, which the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff addressed \$45,688.95 of the invoices were spent on generator repairs, and the rental generator. Sheriff mentioned the Aramark invoice was about \$20,000.00. Sheriff explained this included 9,066 meals, and the sheriff's office received a credit for the Monroe and Crawford County meals that are prepared in our kitchen.

A discussion took place on a replacement / back up generator. It was suggested to look for backups from military surplus. Sheriff Spears advised Chief Deputy Sheriff Nathan Campbell has been watching the 1033 Program for a generator.

**Sheriff's Activity Report:**

Sheriff Spears mentioned the past week, and month, has been busy. Sheriff recapped calls for service. Sheriff said in the last week, the sheriff's office assisted outside agencies with over 1,100 calls, 245 school walk throughs were conducted, along with 97 security checks, including business, residence, and park checks. Sheriff said for the year there has been 657 crashes, 16,528 calls total, and 557 admissions to the detention center.

Sheriff Spears said the Dairy Breakfast went well, with good weather, and no issues. Sheriff said there were no major issues over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, only a couple of vehicle accidents.

Sheriff Spears said there has been a rash number of burglaries over the county, and investigators are working hard to catch the suspect(s).

Sheriff Spears said the county picnic is on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 at Vernon Manor. Sheriff said it's always a good turn out, and nice event.

Sheriff Spears informed the committee National Night Out is being held on August 6, 2019. Sheriff Spears said deputies reached out, and wanted to kick start the event. Sheriff explained the purpose of the event is to bring the community together with law enforcement. Sheriff said it's to promote the public to get outside, and urges the community to get involved. Sheriff said local police agencies, EMS, and Fire are also attending. Sheriff said it will be a good time, and disclosed activities include: K9 Demo, mounted patrol, petting zoo, finger printing, face painting, command vehicles, National Guard rock climbing wall, and much much more. Sheriff mentioned that he recommended if the event starts, it has to continue for years to come. Sheriff said the event will be held at the Vernon County Fairgrounds, and setup starts around 2 PM. Sheriff gave hats off to those participating on the committee.

Sheriff Spears said the parking lot is being seal coated today.

Sheriff Spears reported the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) recognized the Vernon County Sheriff's Office at the latest highway safety meeting for being one of the best counties for sending in accident reports. Sheriff also said the DOT also recognized the sheriff's office for being one of the lowest in the state for alcohol (OWI) / speed crashes.

Joholski asked if the missing juvenile returned home. Sheriff Spears updated and said he was returned home safely.

**Matters pertaining to maintenance and operation of office:**

Sheriff Spears spoke about the policy regarding open bids. Sheriff said BayCom is going to be higher priced. Sheriff said the sheriff's office has worked well with ComElec. Sheriff said they plan on meeting with Ron from ComElec to get a bid. Sheriff explained hiring an engineer independently would become costly. Sheriff said they'd like to wait to see ComElec's quote before hiring an engineer. Sheriff explained due to experience it's already known where the weak spots are, and hiring an engineer to tell us that may not be cost effective. A discussed was entered.

**ATV / UTV Ordinance Requests: None.**

Sheriff Spears wanted to mention he would like to participate in the Annual Township Meeting. Sheriff mentioned he would like to conduct a training on ATV/UTV ordinances. Sheriff said there are so many different township ordinances regarding ATV/UTV's. Sheriff said it would be nicer to enforce if all of the hours, and terms were the same throughout the county. Sheriff said since they are all different it's becoming an issue and causing confusion. Sheriff said on top of that, the sheriff's office cannot enforce a township ordinance unless the county is contracted with them, and that could be costly for them. Sheriff said overall, there

have not been major issues. Sheriff said there's been crashes, but most of them occurred with inexperienced operators on private land. A discuss took place.

Clark notified the committee about inmates purchasing movies, and one was able to view explicit material. Sheriff Spears addressed this matter was identified because the Vernon Communications invoice appeared high. Chief Deputy Sheriff Campbell reviewed the invoice and noticed movie purchases. Chief Deputy Sheriff Campbell has been in contact with Vernon Communications, and the filter was down. At this time, the matter has been taken care of. Sheriff Spears said the tablets in the jail are good for the inmates because it keeps them busy, and out of trouble. Clark elaborated that he thought it was important the committee was informed of this.

Easterday moved to adjourn, Leis seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019.

Morgan C. Paulson, Acting Secretary