Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Public Health Building, Room 205

March 13, 2019 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Vice- Chairperson Rick Henrickson, Supervisor Dave Nickels, Supervisor James Falkowski, and Supervisor Tye Geimer, County Board Chair Jim Brey.

Excused: Chairperson Randy Vogel Supervisor.

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, Emergency Services Director Travis Waack and Sheriff Dan Hartwig.

Vice Chair Rick Henrickson called the meeting to order at 05:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes: Vice Chair Henrickson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting and, none being offered, asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Supervisor James Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Tye Geimer and unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Henrickson called three times for public comment. Closed public comment at 5:01 as no one wished to speak.

Vice Chair Henrickson presented the Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of The Law Enforcement Enhance/Facilitate Drug Task Force Trafficking Investigations Grant Funds from the Sheriff’s Office. Sheriff Hartwig noted that this money will be used to fund the purchase of a vehicle and GPS units. Motion was made by Supervisor Geimer, seconded by Supervisor Dave Nickels. County will need to spend the money and will then be reimbursed by the State. No match is required. Called for vote on motion; unanimously approved.

Sheriff went on to present the second resolution, Resolution Authorizing Acceptance Of Nnai Mat Re-Entry Grant Funds. This is the Vivitrol trial grant. Allows inmates to be given a dose prior to release. 14 pilot counties. Anticipate this will assist in preventing immediate relapse and reoffending upon release.
Brief discussion. Motion by Supervisor Falkowski, second by Supervisor Geimer and unanimous approval.

Vice Chair Henrickson then recognized Emergency Services Division Director Travis Waack for his report. First update since July; small tornado in Kiel in August; wind event in Sept that damaged the expo grounds. Worked with weather service since the storm did not trigger a warning but was damaging. Several Haz Mat events Sept... a liquid asphalt on 43; metro drug and meth lab clean up - the first time unit has been involved. May be more in the future. No one to bill in this instance, unlike with “spillers.” Assemblyman Tittl will take this concern to the State to see what can be done. Also may consider county ordinance revision.... Bill landlords? Severe weather resulted in Manitowoc and Two Rivers opening warming centers – however, only one individual, semi-driver who had an breakdown used. Kiel also opened a center due to power outage.

Emergency operation plan completely re-authored... was out of date particularly as to the “radiological” response. This year the nuclear exercise: 5/21&22 is dry run exercise. June 10 &11 will be FEMA evaluated exercise. Non-nuclear exercises: Ice based exercise very successful. Interface emergency services with nursing homes, Hazmat drill in Rockwood with Sheboygan County. Held an active shooter exercise at Mishicot HS. Drama students participated. Day one field exercise. Day two at EOC to manage after event activities... donations, volunteers, media etc. Also held exercise with Manitowoc City staff in EOC and dealing with a city level disaster.

EOC: nuclear plant funding helps keep it up to date. Will have wireless phone system; additional communications equipment added in near future.

Emergency Management is active on FB, giving service messages followed by preparedness tips.

Municipal emergency managers have been appointed and is now working to engage/train. 3/14 first meeting on damage assessment documentation. This is necessary for reimbursement requests. Travis has helped get funds during the May 2018 flooding.
Dispatch – is fully staffed. Other counties are currently under staffed and having difficulty hiring. 2019 budget provides for all to be full-time. Eases scheduling. Staff level that allows for illness, other absence, and allows “weekend” (two consecutive days off) without ordering in. Supervisors are not in office area, now have functional console and are active in service. The office is available for other administrative tasks. Travis obtained EMD certification (emergency medical dispatcher) continuing to break down the us/them barriers. Task sheets were reviewed and up dated. Anticipate annual review going forward.

Dispatch is attending the meetings of Fire departments, police. etc. to be viewed as a partner and trying to take the lead. Wants to sort out issues to improve coordination. Including basis radio training, the maps, resources. Trying to get the plans to reflect reality of response...hard to face the manpower shortages, but need to in order to have functioning plans. Will update the department roles/description in the county code and will make emergency management a bigger part of the community.

Questions from supervisors. Discussion of the warming houses. Future of communication systems – cellular vs radio. Noted system is performing well at this time. Dish realignment and tower improvement seems to have resolved the problem.

Vice Chair Henrickson indicated the next meeting, if required, will be April 10, 2019.

Adjournment: Supervisor Geimer moved to adjourn, Supervisor Falkowski seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 05:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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Patricia A. Koppa, Register in Probate
For Supervisor James Falkowski, Committee Secretary