

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

September 9, 2020 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chairperson Dave Nickels, Supervisor Rick Henrickson, Supervisor James Falkowski, and Supervisor Nick Muench.

Excused: Supervisor Charles Hagen.

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

Chairperson Dave Nickels called the meeting to order at 05:13 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes: Chairperson Dave Nickels if there were any corrections to the minutes of the June 10, 2020 committee meeting, and none being offered, asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Supervisor James Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Nick Muench and unanimously approved.

Chairperson Nickels called three times for public comment; as no one was present to speak, closed public comment at 5:15.

District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre was unable to attend and will give her report at the October meeting.

Chairperson Dave Nickels called upon Emergency Services Director Travis Waack for a report. First committee report since the Coronavirus (COVID 19) emergency began. However, picking up where the last report to the full board left off.

COVID tends to be the primary focus. Supplying PPE, disseminating public information, coordination of service calls, all such services continue. Dispatch is alerted to active positive cases in event of calls to residence. Kayla Beckerdite has been assisting the health department with data.

Next task: Vaccine delivery. Directions are to be ready by November 1 so that when it is available, there is a plan. Beginning to obtain supplies for vaccine clinics. Will find one or more locations as appropriate. Awaiting the delivery tiers as far a priority.

Other issues: There is pager interference which cannot be avoided. The official radio system is not affected. The problem is with the portable voice pagers used by volunteer fire departments; this is direct from the tower in Michigan. One way of resolving is to place device in "page mode" rather open monitoring. Have reached out through vendor for other solutions with the Michigan county and there simply isn't one with the tower placement. Other options such a new frequency are cost prohibitive. "PL" equipped pagers are available and have been suggested for local agencies.

Kayla Beckerdite began in February and focuses on Emergency Management. Has some amazing experience with the California wild fires.

Reported on a variety of software changes to be used in the department over the next few months.

MOU with Seehafer Broadcasting regarding emergency notifications. Generators and direct link from EOC to station which will be essential in the event of extensive power outage.

Mass care shelter response trailer has been created with 100 bed capacity.

Chairperson Nickels thanked Travis for detailed report.

Sheriff Dan Hartwig reported next. As far as staffing, two officers from patrol on military deployment. Two others are on medical leaves from job related injuries. Tom Beilke is retiring after 35 years. Various other departures including 2 female correctional officer positions open.

Changes caused by COVID with inmate contact have severely limited the professional contact. Will now be able to design an area for that visitation/consultation. Result will increase the security for all. Balance of space will be used for pastoral care areas.

Lobby area now has portable finger print area and DNA as well.

Sheriff provided the preliminary cost estimates and will be able to cover with other funds and will not be tax dollars (inmate canteen and jail assessment)

The new dryers arrived, Trailer for SWAT team arrived, TEMS agreement with TR police completed so all now are armed open carry. Valders service agreement being renegotiated.

Have put COVID expenses in a single line item so easier to track and have been stocking ahead too.

The change to 12 hour shifts has resulted in significant savings in the jail.

Very hard to know where revenues will land. Due to all of the closures; there have been fewer inmates, fewer actions for process.

Squads – will continue with the State procurement process. A number of line items went up. Squad cameras are at end of life, replacing half of them at this time and will have balance on the next cycle. Adding to the technology fund to help with future budget

AED - 2/21 supplies for current models will be discontinued. So starting to replace units in the next budget round.

Nursing - new medical record data process, increase Mental Health services staffing to 32 hours.

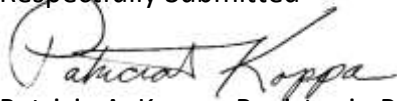
Increased the line item for out of county housing going forwards.

Resolutions: Resolution Accepting Donation for the Manitowoc County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit. This is a donation from the Ant Hill Mob. Department will be getting a new dog and this donation will cover the cost. Motion to approve and forward to Board by Supervisor Muench; second by Supervisor Falkowski.

Second resolution is a Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of The Law Enforcement Enhance/Facilitate Drug Task Force Trafficking Investigations Grant Funds. These monies will be used for obtaining Drug unit vehicles. Motion made by Supervisor Falkowski and second by Supervisor Muench.

Adjournment: Supervisor James Falkowski moved to adjourn, Supervisor Nick Muench seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 06:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



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For Supervisor Nick Muench, Committee Secretary