

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 11, 2019

Joholski called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. Committee members present:

Cary Joholski
Frank Easterday - Absent
Mary Henry
Sheriff John Spears

Mike Leis
Darrel Clark
Chief Deputy Nathan Campbell

Others in Attendance: Supervisor Roger Call and Tim Hundt.

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

Invoices:

The Sheriff's invoices were reviewed and explanations provided as requested. Leis moved and Clark seconded a motion to pay the invoices in the sum of \$59,893.93, which the motion passed unanimously. Sheriff said part of the total this month included new body cameras for the jail and taser updates.

Sheriff's Activity Report:

Sheriff Spears advised the Committee of the homicide that occurred in March. Sheriff said the suspect, David Stowe, is currently being held at the Mendota Mental Health Institute. Sheriff mentioned the case is coming together, and the investigation is almost finished.

Sheriff Spears announced Deputy Sheriff Isaac Gjefle was awarded Officer of the Year at the Eagles Banquet. Sheriff reported there was an ATV crash. Sheriff said the driver was unexperienced, and he wasn't wearing a helmet. Sheriff said the driver hit a soft portion of the shoulder of the road, and flipped the ATV. The driver received minor injuries.

Sheriff Spears mentioned patrol applications have been received, and the interview and testing process will begin soon. Sheriff advised the K9 run is coming up on April 27th. Sheriff said this was set to a later date this year in hopes of nicer weather. Sheriff mentioned the 50th Annual VCLEA Youth Shoot is May 4th. Sheriff said this is the only youth shoot that's still active. There will be over 80-100 door prizes, and many learning event booths. Sheriff said the Annual Police Memorial will be on May 15th.

Leis asked about switching jail food vendors. Sheriff Spears answered that they will finish the contract with Aramark, and will stay with them, as long as they keep up their standards, which has improved.

Sheriff Spears added that Sgt. Bruce Olson applied for a grant. The grant was received in the amount of \$17,000.00, and is to be used toward dispatch training.

Sheriff Spears invited the Committee to the upcoming Employee Appreciation Dinner this Saturday. Sheriff explained this is something they like to do once a year to let the employees know they are appreciated. Sheriff said Aramark is catering.

Joholski asked what the school walk through entails. Sheriff Spears explained if a deputy is in the area, they stop at the school, walk through to check safety, and to see if the school needs anything. Sheriff added it's also important for the deputies to have the opportunity to know the schools floor plan in case of an emergency situation. Cary appreciated this.

Clark asked about the development and availability to view school(s) video systems. Sheriff Spears said dispatch can log in to most school cameras to view live feed. Sheriff added this comes down to funding.

Joholski asked who to contact if a church is interested in ALICE training. Chief Deputy Sheriff Nathan Campbell said to coordinate with Lt. Jason Crume. Sheriff Spears added training will benefit wherever the family may be.

Matters pertaining to maintenance and operation of office: None.

ATV / UTV Ordinance Requests: None

Radio Service Engineer – Discussion:

Chief Deputy Sheriff Nathan Campbell updated the Committee in regards to the radio service engineer. Chief Deputy Sheriff Campbell said they are waiting to see what the County Board does with the county ordinance regarding the bidding process next Tuesday. Chief Deputy Sheriff Campbell said they will continue to search for an engineer, but the hiring process has taken precedent. Chief Deputy Sheriff Campbell explained they are hiring for full-time patrol, part-time jail, and a part-time (on call) receptionist. Chief Deputy Sheriff Campbell added the dispatch system is working well with a few adjustments.

Clark moved to adjourn, Henry seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 9, 2019.

Morgan C. Paulson, Acting Secretary