

Present: Bryan Beseler Patricia Schmidt Kim O'Connell
Jay Luke Robert Blake

Also Present: Jeffrey B. Fuge Larry Jepsen Laurie Finn
Karen Olson Gretchen Sampson Brian Hobbs
Tim Moore Karl Beaupre Jeff Peterson
Ron Pedrys Nick Bryant Andrew Vitalis
Robert Rorvick Tony Lehman Lois Hoff
Steve Moe

Members of the Public.

Bryan Beseler called the monthly meeting of the Polk County Public Protection and Judicial Committee to order at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda by Jay Luke, seconded by Patricia Schmidt.
All in favor; motion passed.

It was agreed that the Meth Enforcement and Education Recognition along with an introduction of staff will immediately follow Approval of Minutes.

Minutes: Motion to approve Minutes of October 10, 2006 by Robert Blake, seconded by Kim O'Connell. All in favor; motion passed.

Whereupon, Larry Jepsen took the floor and spoke on behalf of the Meth Committee providing an update of the Committee's actions and extending gratitude to Law Enforcement for their successful endeavors. A grant from the Federal Government has been approved. Sheriff Moore introduced the staff and welcomed Nick Bryant and Andrew Vitalis.

Public Comment: None.

Whereupon, Brian Hobbs and Gretchen Sampson spoke on behalf of the Animal Control Ordinance Task Force. The Ordinance was tendered and basic components and enforcement were explained. Animal Control situations are on the rise due to increased population. A discussion was had relative to concerns with township and municipality compliance. Sheriff Moore provided a synopsis regarding regulations and handling enforcements at local levels. Uniformity is necessary in dealing with contamination issues and human health hazards. Training expenses, manpower, methods of funding and liability were discussed. The Ordinance will go before the County Board for approval. If defeated, further direction to move the Ordinance forward is requested.

Sheriff: Procurement of a replacement patrol vehicle is necessary due to damage. An insurance claim has been made. Other vehicles also require replacement through usual standards.

Motion by Robert Blake to ratify replacement of damaged vehicle, seconded by Jay Luke.
All in favor; motion passed.

Jail bed rental contracts and charges were explained relative to Burnett and Chisago Counties. Due to the varying inmate population, concerns regarding inmate health care expenses were discussed. Robert Blake requested a review of the Burnett County Contract by Corporation Counsel, Jeff Fuge. Further discussion was had relative to County Board involvement.

Motion by Robert Blake to adopt the Burnett County Contract pending review by counsel, seconded by Patricia Schmidt. All in favor; motion passed.

All communication towers are up and operational. Dead spots have been eliminated. Radio installation in patrol vehicles has been completed. The automated record system still needs installation. Training will take place. Generators discussed.

Whereupon, a five minute recess was taken.

DA/VW: Karen Olson presented with her farewell and best wishes.

ME: Bryan Beseler presented the ME report on behalf of Jonn Dennies. Fees and allocations were discussed.

Clerk of Court: An increase of interest is solicited for purposes of positive revenue. The office was afforded an opportunity to do some catch-up work during the absence of the judges.

CSA: Monthly reports for October and November were tendered. Settlement and disposal of court cases, performance standing and rates provided. Efficiency is realized with the interface of the Human Services Department. Presently, observances of court procedures and internal practices are taking place with St. Croix County. A summit was held and the report was tendered regarding efficiency of services. There are budget concerns relative to funding initiatives and loss of funding in 2008 due to the Deficit Reduction Act. The state/county contract was tendered. No action required at County Board level, as this is state mandated.

Committee observances were had.

Motion by Robert Blake to go to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) and 19.85(1)(g) seconded by Jay Luke. All in favor; motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.