

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes of March 8, 2006**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

All members were present.

Visitors welcomed.

Motion by Krueger, Second by Bloomer to approve the minutes of the previous 2 meetings as printed and place on file. Carried.

**Humane Officer/Training/Position:** Ginger Jach-Richards appeared before the committee to discuss the need for a humane officer. She receives complaints but is unable to investigate these matters without the assistance of an officer. Ms. Richards said that Oneida County had a humane officer who retired, but did not know how he was paid, only that the county did not pay his wages.

Ms. Richards said that there was a 4 day training coming up at a cost of \$800. Lt. Jaeger said that quite a few of the officers were not trained and didn't know what to look for in abused animals. This specialized training would be worthwhile for this purpose.

Sheriff Koth said that in reality, the cost of the training would be much more than the \$800 when you consider the cost of the officer that would need to work overtime to fill the void of the officer attending the training, plus the lodging and meals.

Motion by Bloomer, Second by Caylor to have the Humane Society and Sheriff's Department work together on this issue and report back next month.

**Lutheran Social Services Update:** Earl Welker said that the meeting with the judges went well. If there are any violators with day reporting, the judges would like the violators to go to jail and see the judge the next day. A meeting was also held with Probation and Parole that went very well.

**Sheriff's Reports:** The reports were mailed to the committee with their packets. The budget re-cap was handed out at the meeting.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to accept reports and place on file. Carried.

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**Coroner's Report:** Mr. Haskins submitted his monthly report. He also discussed the real problem with Blastomycosis and is pleased that the media has finally brought this to light. He also said that the Prairie River area was the most prevalent for these spores, and couldn't understand why a park was put there.

Mr. Haskins also discussed the issue of a medical examiner versus an elected coroner, as well as coroner's fees.

Motion by Bloomer, Second by Caylor to examine these issues further and have more data at the next meeting. Carried.

**Communications Supervisor Update:** Lt. Handlin thanked the committee for getting the Newcom resolution through the County Board. Proceeded to tell them about presenting a plan to the Newcom group on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He is trying to get some of the extra grant money to replace the tower here and donate our old one to Tomahawk Police Department.

Brian Sladek (Emergency Management) was asked by the Health Department to come up with a prioritized list of items to equip our EOC with. Lt. Handlin will be working with him to get a list to the Health Department.

He also mentioned that he is trying to keep the dust out of the 9-1-1 equipment room during the remodel process. Construction crew also knocked a hole in the block wall for the H-Vac return duct work this morning at 3 a.m.

**Jail Maintenance Update:** Lt. Kraft said that the Jail Inspector was here in January, but didn't get a report yet. Some maintenance issues are on hold pending the remodeling.

He also said that the policies and procedures needs to be updated, specifically the medical policies. One of the nurses is working on them. The jail was given until May to make sure that all the policies are updated.

Lt. Kraft had the two contracts (Health Professionals medical contract and the mental health contract). Both contracts were approved by Nancy Bergstrom.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Bloomer for this committee to approve both contacts and to let the County Board Chair determine if they should go to County Board. Carried.

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**Discuss letter from Department of Corrections:** This issue was discussed, but no committee action was needed.

**Discuss J.R. 218 – Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act:** Chief Soucy said that this issue was brought up just for informational purposes that several retired officers are interested in permits to carry concealed weapons. They will receive certification in firearms as required and this will comply with requirements of federal law.

**Video Conferencing:** Still on hold.

Next meeting scheduled for April 12, 2006 at 7:30 a.m. in the Lincoln County Courthouse – lower level.

Motion by Lee, Second by Krueger to adjourn. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.