

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MINUTES OF SEPT. 13, 2006 7:30 A.M.**  
**Lower Level Courthouse**  
**Merrill, Wisconsin**

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

**Roll call of members present:** Mr. Plant, Mr. Lee, Mr. Krueger and Mr. Mittelsteadt. Mr. Caylor was absent and excused.

**Visitors welcomed:** Sheriff Tom Koth, Earl Welker (LSS), Bob Brown (Ayres), Diane Hanson, Chief Mike Soucy, Lt. Mark Handlin, Joel Wendt, Lt. Jeff Jaeger, Coroner Dave Haskins, and Don Dunphy (District Attorney).

**Reading of last meeting minutes:** Motion by Krueger, Second by Plant to approve minutes of previous meetings and place on file. Carried.

**Lutheran Social Services Update:** Mr. Welker said 12 individuals were on electronic monitoring. 3 of those were transfers from other counties. 39 people were on day reporting. He said an error was made in last month's report as to the number of bed days, which he corrected at this meeting.

**Sheriff's Report:** Statistical report was mailed to committee in their packets and Budget Recap report was distributed at the meeting.

**Coroner's Report:** Dave Haskins said that now that a new Coroner has been elected, he is asking once again to get some type of computer program on line for the new Coroner. He said that he has asked for the last 4 years for this and stated that Marathon County has a workable program. He said he has not received any assistance from Joel Lange on this issue and asked who he should contact. Committee recommended going through Computer Services again.

Motion by Krueger, Second by Mittelsteadt to approve all reports and place on file. Carried.

**9-1-1 Supervisor's Report:** His written report was mailed to committee in their packets. He gave a brief verbal update on the construction of the tower. Hopefully next week the concrete will be poured and Northway has agreed to provide the cables.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, Second by Krueger to accept report and place on file. Carried.

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**Jail Maintenance Update/Proposal from Stainless Specialist for repairs to shower and Duct Work for Evidence Room:** All of these issues were addressed together. Stainless Specialist submitted (2) proposals. (1) For the repairs to the shower in D-block along with 2 options for either a fiberglass base or tile base. Committee decided to go with option #2 tile base for security reasons. The other proposal for Duct Work for the Evidence Room at a cost of \$1,075.00.

Motion by Krueger, Second by Lee to approve both proposals. Carried.

**Video Conferencing:** Information was mailed to the committee for review. Lt. Handlin said that grant monies were still available. Mr. Mittelsteadt said it was foolish not to take advantage of it. In the long run it saves money and also addresses security concerns.

Motion by Mittelsteadt, Second by Krueger to pursue this. Carried.

**Jail Needs:** This issue was addressed last to provide Mr. Brown and the committee more time for discussion. Mr. Brown gave a presentation on space needs. He will need to get drawings from Joel on the recent remodel project. He said that he would need to submit 2 plans, one for the jail remodel and another for the jail remodel with a pod. Chief Soucy said that there are 3 things to consider before plans are even drawn. #1. Do you want to just correct the issues covered by the Jail Inspector. #2. Do you want to correct the issues covered by the Jail Inspector and bring back the inmates currently housed out of county, or # 3. Do you want to remodel to cover all these issues, plus plan for the future? He said that the State statistics of a 7% annual increase in inmates is always usually right on line which should also be taken into consideration.

Mr. Brown figures that for projected cost of 7 million he could remodel the interior jail and construct a pod, but it would be a tight fit for that cost.

Mr. Lee said that Mr. Brown should work closely with the Sheriff's Department Administrators to cover all concerns and bring back sketches for the next meeting. He said if necessary, special meetings would be scheduled.

**Schedule Next Regular Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 7:30 a.m., lower level Courthouse.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Krueger, Second by Mittelsteadt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 a.m.