

LINCOLN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Minutes of November 8, 2006

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.
 - A. **Roll Call:** All members in attendance with exception of Mr. Lee, who was absent and excused.
 - B. **Visitors welcomed:** Tom Koth, Diane Hanson, Earl Welker, Mike Soucy, Joel Wendt, Tom Seslar, Jeff Kraft, Jeff Jaeger.
2. **Reading of last meeting minutes:** Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to accept minutes of the previous meeting and place on file.
Carried.
3. **Presentation of Proposed Jail Plans:** Mr. Brown appeared by phone. A draft plan was distributed at the meeting. Mr. Brown said that some “tweaks” would need to be made yet, and that construction may have to be phased in. The total construction cost for all three projects is 18 million; however, Building Committee wants it at 14 million, with bonding out 6 million. This could be paid down in 3 to 5 years, at which time the pod system for the jail could be constructed. Remodeling would include Video room for inmates, medical exam area, kitchen, etc. Pod system would consist of 8 blocks with 2 dorm areas. Pod system could also be made larger if needed. Will still need to address visitor and program space. Mr. Brown will give presentation at County Board on the 14th of this month.

Went on to jail staffing issues: Dept of Corrections, Lt. Kraft and Chief Soucy would need to look into staffing analysis. A preliminary study was made and the ideal number of corrections officers would be 21 (current staff is 13 corrections officers). This is the number needed to get all the jobs done and to fill the relief factor. Lt. Kraft said that he didn’t believe it would change much after having the official study made. Mr. Brown requested that Chief Soucy and Lt. Kraft appear at the County Board meeting on the 14th also to inform the board members on the staffing issue.

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4. **Lutheran Social Services Update:** Mr. Welker didn't have a full report; the statistical data was not yet received from the main office. He reported that the denials were up by 2 this past month. He is getting more requests for transfers. Everything seems to be falling in line with the previous month. They are looking into replacing the alcohol monitors with a newer version.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Plant to accept report and place on file. Carried.

5. **Reports:** Sheriff's statistical report, bad check report and Detective Bureau report were mailed with their packets. Sheriff was unable to provide a budget re-cap for this month, but would have it available at the next meeting. Sheriff also informed the committee that Grant Peterson has accepted a promotion to Patrol Lieutenant.

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

- A. **Budget Modification:** Monies ear-marked for the Livescan equipment had to be moved to an Outlay account.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Plant to approve budget modification and forward to Finance Committee. Carried.

- B. **Coroner's Report:** Coroner was absent.

6. **9-1-1 Supervisor's Report:** Lt. Handlin was absent; however, his written report was mailed with the packets.
7. **Video Conferencing:** Committee appointed Chief Deputy to follow through and report back at future meetings.
8. **Schedule next regular meeting:** Next regular meeting scheduled for December 13, 2006 at 7:30 a.m., Lincoln County Courthouse – lower level.
9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:31 a.m.