

**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Minutes of August 8, 2007 7:30 a.m.**

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

Members present were Robert Lee, Ronald Krueger, Daniel Caylor and R. Wayne Plant. Mr. Mittelsteadt was absent and excused.

Visitors in attendance: Sheriff Jeff Jaeger, Chief Deputy Mike Soucy, Deputy Travis Watruba, Earl Welker, Diane Hanson, William Zeitz, Bob Heimann, Irene Mehlos, Jose' Rios, Sister Mary Thomas, Rev. Linda Schmidt, Angela Ricci, Paul Proulx.

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

**Lutheran Social Services Update:** Mr. Welker distributed his statistical report. He said the report was incomplete because all the statistics were not received in time for the meeting.

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

**Sheriff's Statistical Report:** Statistical Report, Budget Recap and Detective Bureau Reports were mailed to committee in their packets. Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to place on file. Carried.

**Proposed 2008 Budget:** The major items will be some replacement 9-1-1 radio equipment that has a shelf-life of 3 to 5 years. It is much more reasonable to carry over replacement dollars each year than to face huge costs at once. Other items include Outside Housing costs and Mobil Data Computers for marked patrol cars which would improve interoperability and relieve the dispatch center of much congestion. He also budgeted for Digital Imaging costs. The vendor was awarded the bid by the committee 2 years ago, but each year it was cut from the budget.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Plant to forward Proposed 2008 Budget to Finance with some adjustment by the Chief Deputy and Sheriff. Carried.

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**Collection of Juveniles Fees:** Sheriff Jaeger informed the committee that there is a collection agency for outstanding juvenile housing debts. The parents will reimburse the county for housing costs of juveniles.

**Recreation Officer Activity Report:** Deputy Travis Watruba was introduced to the committee. His report was mailed to the committee with their packets. Chief Soucy pointed out that the reimbursable hours for this initial year will seem low because of the initial need for months of training. In July, he had over 120 reimbursable hours (out of 160).

Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to place report on file. Carried.

**Coroner's Report:** Coroner's report was distributed at the meeting.

**Coroner's Proposed 2008 Budget:** The Coroner went through his proposed 2008 budget with the committee. No increase noted. Motion by Caylor, Second by Plant to forward to Finance Committee. Carried.

**Update on Coroner Software:** Mr. Heimann said that he and Paul Proulx saw a demo of the software that Marathon County uses. The price is reasonable and is locally supported and it will fit the Coroner's needs. Purchase funds are available in the Coroner's budget.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to authorize IT Director Bob Heimann to purchase software from Marathon County. Carried.

**Resolution on Coroner's Fees:** Paul Proulx said that this line item was always in his budget and questioned if a resolution was still needed. Bob Lee said it should go before the County Board with a resolution. Paul Proulx said one would be drafted and approved by Corporation Counsel and forwarded to County Board.

**9-1-1 Supervisor Update:** Lt. Handlin was on vacation, but his report was mailed to the committee in their packets. Chief Mike Soucy said that the application and testing process was carried out twice without filling vacancies. We must now advertise and test a third time. Some of the applicants from the previous process did not pass orals, practical test and/or background investigations. The two applicants who did well declined employment.

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

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**Jail Maintenance Update:** Requested to replace the jail dishwasher with Jail Assessment Funds. The current dishwasher is costing more to repair than it would be for a new machine.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Plant to obtain bids for next meeting. Carried.

**Resolution # 2007-07-35 (Update/Discussion Action):** Mr. Zeitz updated the committee on why he would like the resolution adopted. He said it was specifically designed to demand the Federal Government to enforce its laws.

The committee also examined a newspaper clipping from the Associated Press and Mr. Lee asked that this clipping be made part of the minutes. (Newspaper clipping attached).

Sheriff Jaeger also distributed correspondence he received from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office for committee review. It explained how their office addresses the issue of illegal immigrants.

Mr. Jose' Rios was invited to address the committee as a representative of the Hispanic community. He said that they experience the same problems that Americans do and are willing to work with all branches of governmental services to address these issues and offered their assistance to law enforcement if needed.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Plant to take no action on this resolution. Carried.

**Video Conferencing:** This item is on hold pending remodeling.

**Schedule next regular meeting:** Next regular meeting scheduled for September 12, 2007 at 7:30 a.m., Lincoln County Courthouse - lower level conference room.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to adjourn. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.