

LINCOLN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2007, 7:30 a.m.
Lower Level Conference Room
Courthouse
Merrill, WI

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

All members in attendance.

Visitors welcomed: Sheriff Jaeger, Jeff Kraft, Diane Hanson, Bob and Peg Chrzan, Mark Handlin, Wally Gelhar, Earl Welker, Paul Proulx

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Motion by Mittelsteadt, Second by Krueger to approve as printed and place on file. Carried.

Lutheran Social Services: Mr. Welker distributed his monthly report. All data was not available in time for the meeting. Mr. Welker also informed the committee of his plans to retire. Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to accept report and place on file, also to commend Mr. Welker for his service. Carried.

Neighborhood Watch: Mr. Chrzan provided a presentation to the committee concerning the Spirit Haven Neighborhood Watch project that had been in existence since 1995. A “dawn to dusk” light had been installed at the public boat landing since that time. It has more than served its purpose to deter criminal activity. Most of the funding has since been depleted, and now with the increasing cost of electricity, WI Public Service will remove the light and pole if it is no longer funded. Mr. Lee also said that that particular light is also used by ice fisherman, boaters and snowmobilers so that they know where the boat landing is during darkness. Sheriff Jaeger agreed that the light is a great tool to keep and with committee support he will search for any available funds to assist the Neighborhood Watch of Spirit Haven.

Motion by Caylor, Second by Krueger to revisit this issue at the next meeting pending available funding. Carried.

Sheriff’s Report(s):

Replacement of Lt. Kraft: Lt. Kraft is retiring at the end of April. Sheriff Jaeger said he spoke with John Mulder about getting his replacement on board by February 1st. Mr. Mulder supported this. Mr. Lee said that he will place this on the Legislative and Personnel Committee Agenda for the next meeting.

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Statistical report(s): Motion by Lee, Second by Plant to accept reports and place on file. Carried.

Review of monthly vouchers: No action.

Rec Officer Report: Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to place on file. Carried.

Coroner's Report: Paul Proulx submitted his monthly report. There were 11 deaths and 3 traffic fatalities. He also mentioned that he was contacted by OSHA and he had to purchase a refrigerator to store the blood samples in.

9-1-1 Supervisor's Report: Motion by Lee, Second by Krueger to accept and place on file. Carried.

Jail Maintenance: Lt. Kraft said there haven't been any issues – mostly focusing on the new jail plans. They will be traveling to other area jails (Vilas, Oneida and Langlade Counties) to get ideas on kitchens, outdoor rec areas, etc.

Video Conferencing: Correspondence from the Wisconsin Supreme Court was mailed in committee packets for their review. Wally Gelhar also stated Tim Dunbar (from NTC) was interested in loaning equipment for a demo, possibly for the next meeting. The lower level conference room at the Safety Building could be used.

Schedule next meeting: Next regular meeting scheduled for January 9, 2008 at 7:30 a.m., lower level conference room at the Courthouse.

Adjournment: Motion by Caylor, Second by Mittelsteadt to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.