

LINCOLN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of 12 December, 2012 7:30 a.m.
Lower Level Conference Room
Lincoln County Safety Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Lee, Dan Caylor, Bill Zeitz, Bruce Giese

ABSENT: Michael Loka

VISITORS: Chief Deputy Nate Walrath, Capt. Michael Ratkovich, John Uttech (Pine River Fire Department), Diane Hanson.

OPEN MEETING

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** Motion by Caylor, Second by Giese to approve minutes as printed. Unanimous. Carried.

3. **Coroner's Report:** Mr. Proulx was absent and no report provided.

4. **Sheriff's Statistical Report:** Mr. Zeitz had a question on the Detective Bureau report about sudden death investigations and asked if our officers worked with the Coroner on these types of matters. Capt. Ratkovich said that sudden deaths are treated as potential criminal cases until determined otherwise by the investigation in cooperation with rulings by the Coroner's Office on the cause of death. Motion by Giese, Second by Zeitz to approve report and place on file.
 - A. **Expense Budget, Revenue Budget, and Vendor List:** Mr. Zeitz noticed there were overages on some line items in our budget, but also that the Sheriff's Office is at 85% of their budget. Chief Deputy Walrath said that budget modifications are done at the end of the year to cover these overages and he invited Mr. Zeitz to stop by and he would be happy to go through the budget with him.

 - B. **Recreational Officer Report:** Committee had no questions.

 - C. **9-1-1 Supervisor's Report:** Committee had no questions.

Motion was made by Caylor, Second by Lee to place all reports on file. Unanimous. Carried.

5. **Authorization for Deputy Replacement:** Due to the retirement of Deputy Annis, his position will need to be replaced. Motion by Caylor, Second by Zeitz to forward to Personnel. Unanimous. Carried.

6. **Discuss Upgrade to Pine River Repeater:** Mr. Zeitz invited John Uttech to speak for the Pine River Fire Department on this issue. Mr. Uttech said that after the Pine River tower was installed in 2006, Northway Communications ran a test on it and everything checked out. Since the Narrow Banding mandate the Pine River Fire Department has identified a decrease in coverage and less range with the current system. Some members of the Pine River Fire Department have not been able to receive pages and they have a loss of radio communication. They have invested in changes and installed some of the equipment needed to improve this service, but has not alleviated these issues. Chief Uttech stated the only thing left to do is purchase a repeater. The projected cost to make this purchase is approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000.

Brian Sladek did apply for grant on their behalf with the OJA, but the grant will not be awarded until sometime in January, 2013.

Mr. Zeitz asked that the minutes reflect that it is a County responsibility to maintain and upgrade communications towers, this was request was agreed upon by the committee.

Committee asked that Chief Walrath hold any 2012 surplus funds from the remaining budget for the upgrade pending the grant award. This item will be kept on the agenda until a satisfactory result is achieved.

7. **DNA on Arrest:** Mr. Zeitz presented an article from the Rutherford Institute and Draft letter to Governor Walker opposing this issue. After further discussion, the committee decided to hold this matter over until they can determine what the bill will include. This item also will be kept on the agenda.

8. **Schedule next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting was scheduled for January 9, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. However, due to construction, the location of future meetings will be held at the Service Center in Room 248.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion by Caylor, Second by Giese to adjourn. Unanimous. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 0753 hours.