

**LINCOLN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2015 7:30 a.m.**  
**Lincoln County Safety Building,**  
**Lower Level Conference Room**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Bob Lee, Bill Zeitz, Dan Caylor, Mike Loka, Ryan Schwartzman

**VISITORS:** Sheriff Jeff Jaeger, Chief Deputy Nate Walrath, Coroner Paul Proulx & Sarah Morris

**OPEN MEETING**

1. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by the chair at 7:30 a.m.
  - A. **Roll call of members present.**
  - B. **Visitors Welcomed.**
  
2. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Motion by Mr. Loka, Second by Mr. Zeitz to approve the minutes. Unanimous. Motion carried.
  
3. **Coroner's Report:** Mr. Proulx explained present day autopsies. Committee had no questions. Motion by Mr. Caylor, Second by Mr. Loka to place report on file. Unanimous. Motion carried.
  
4. **Sheriff's Statistical Report:**
  - A. **Case Summary Report:** Committee had no questions.
  - B. **Expense Budget, Revenue Budget and Vendor List:** Mr. Zeitz questioned an item on the Vendor List. The Sheriff explained that the purchase of the desk was an upgrade in office furniture. Mr. Loka supported by further explaining the raise in cost for office furniture. Mr. Zeitz questioned an additional item on the Vendor List which the Chief Deputy & the Sheriff explained was a seizure vehicle that needed repair, and that we saved money by fixing it rather than purchasing a new vehicle. Mr. Lee added that we got a cheap vehicle that way. The committee had no further questions.
  - C. **Recreational Officer Activity Report:** Committee had no questions.
    - a. **ATV & Snowmobile State Audit:** Committee had no questions. Motion by Mr. Lee, Second by Mr. Schwartzman to approve the audit. Unanimous. Motion carried.

The Sheriff noted how impressed he was with Deputy Travis Watruba and how he handled the audit. Mr. Lee mentioned the Sunset Clause and questioned whether the committee had approved to make it permanent. The Sheriff stated that they did however suggest he check with Randy to be sure. Mr. Loka then commented on how Deputy Watruba has evolved into a good Rec Officer.
  - D. **9-1-1 Supervisor's Report:** Committee had no questions.
  - E. **Jail Census Report:** Committee had no questions.

Motion by Mr. Schwartzman, Second by Mr. Zeitz to place all reports on file. Unanimous. Motion carried.
  
5. **2015 Mid-Year Budget Modification:** Mr. Loka asked if it was just funds being shifted around, and the Sheriff and Chief Deputy replied yes. Motion by Mr. Loka, Second by Mr. Caylor to approve the Budget Modification. Unanimous. Motion carried.
  
6. **Article: "Trying to Justify Police Federalization" -** The article was discussed by the committee and Mr. Zeitz explained he was still looking for resolution on this issue. All Committee members agreed. Mr. Zeitz & Mr. Lee requested the resolution be added as an agenda item for next month's meeting.
  
7. **Schedule next regular meeting:** Next regular meeting was scheduled for September 9, 2015 at 7:30 a.m., Lincoln County Safety Building, lower level conference room.
  
8. **Adjournment:** Motion by Mr. Caylor, second by Mr. Loka to adjourn. Unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 07:43 a.m.