UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
April 11, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN } County Board Room
COUNTY OF PIERCE } 124 N. Oak St.., ELLSWORTH, WI 2023 – 04

1) *Meeting Convened*
The Pierce County Law Enforcement Committee met in the EOC Room of the Pierce County Law Enforcement Facility, Ellsworth, WI. Chairman J. Aubart called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

1a) *Those Present*
A quorum was established acknowledging 5 members present.

Members present: | Absent/Excused:

Jon Aubart	District #3
Ben Plunkett	District #5
Scott Bjork	District #7
Dale Auckland	District #12
Mel Pittman	District #17

Also present: Jason Matthys-AC, Jamie Feuerholm- County Clerk, Christine McPherson-Emergency Management Director, Chad Koranda-Sheriff, Collin Gilles-Chief Deputy Sheriff, John Worsing-ME, Halle Hatch-DA, Julie Krings Human Services Director.

1b) *Public Comment*
None

2) *Agenda Adopted*
Motion by D. Auckland/S. Bjork to amend agenda moving Item # 4 to follow Item #8 & adopt amended ; motion carried unanimously.

3) *Approve Minutes*
Motion by S. Bjork/D. Auckland to approve minutes of the Mar. 14th, 2023 meeting as presented; motion carried unanimously.

4) *Discuss/take action to approve the use of Law Enforcement ARPA funds on equipment & uniforms for the Pierce County Sheriff's Office*
C. Gilles explained that the Sheriff's Office was awarded $53,431.03 in ARPA funds specifically designated for law enforcement. He presented an itemization of what the Office is proposing to purchase with said funds & explained for what each item would be used. He added the total of the proposed purchase would exceed the grant by $297.11 would could be funded through the Sheriff's Office uniforms budget. He also explained that the ARPA funds are applied for via reimbursement, meaning the County would need to supply the funds initially & then apply for reimbursement by the grant. Suggested was to use the Sheriff's Office budget line items for uniforms & capital equipment to purchase equipment initially & be reimbursed by ARPA funds when they are made available. Motion by D. Auckland/M. Pittman to authorize Sheriff's Office to apply for ARPA funds & approve the purchase of items so presented funded initially through the Sheriff's Office budget & reimbursed by ARPA funds; motion carried unanimously.

5) *Sheriff's report of department activities*

C. Koranda reported on staff shifts to other positions as well as current position vacancies. He indicated that it may take a couple years to reach being fully staffed due to the shifts that take place when one position replaces another. No action taken.

6) *Discuss unclaimed decedent update*

J. Worsing explained that the ME's Office is now dealing with two unclaimed decedent cases. He added that it can be difficult identifying these cases sometimes as well as notifying next of kin because little information is generally known about the individuals. He stated that cold storage facilities where the decedents can be kept are limited in their space & are often full. No action taken.

7) *Medical Examiner's Report & Statistics*

J. Worsing reported that cases & numbers are near where they were last year at this time. He expressed additional concern regarding dealing with three suicides in the last 30 days. He indicated that in the past Pierce County would seldom experience that many in an entire year. No action taken.

8) *Discuss/take action to approve transitioning the Termination of Parental Rights cases from DA's Office to private attorney*

H. Hatch explained that the District Attorney's Office currently handles these Termination of Parental Rights or TPR cases. She stated that the request is for the DA's Office to turn these cases over to a private attorney, Andrew Harrington, in part because Mr. Harrington is well experienced with such cases & has handled them in Pierce County previously. H. Hatch further explained that these types of cases are very fact intensive & time consuming & with current staff levels the Office only handles one of these type cases at a time. This leaves children in temporary placement homes for longer periods of time. She indicated that with a private attorney taking on this workload they could address multiple cases at one time making that time period much shorter. J. Krings stated that there are added benefits with the shorter temporary placements in that it costs the County less money because the children aren't there as long. Also, it gives children the opportunity for quicker permanent placement via adoption or other means. Motion by M. Pittman/D. Auckland to approve the DA's Office to transition the Termination of Parental Rights cases to a private attorney; motion carried unanimously.

9) *Future Agenda Items*

None at this time.

10) *Next Meeting Date*

Next regular meeting scheduled for second Tuesday, May 9th at 2:30 p.m., in County Board Room, Courthouse.

11) *Adjourn*

Motion to adjourn at 3:30 p.m. by M. Pittman/S. Bjork; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jamie Feuerhelm, County Clerk

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
June 13, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF PIERCE

County Board Room
124 N. Oak St.., ELLSWORTH, WI

2023 – 05

1) Meeting Convened
The Pierce County Law Enforcement Committee met in the EOC Room of the Pierce County Law Enforcement Facility, Ellsworth, WI. Chairman J. Aubart called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1a) Those Present
A quorum was established acknowledging 5 members present.

Members present:

Jon Aubart	District #3
Ben Plunkett	District #5
Scott Bjork	District #7
Dale Auckland	District #12
Mel Pittman	District #17

Absent/Excused:

Also present: Jason Matthys-AC, Jamie Feuerhelm- County Clerk, Christine McPherson-Emergency Management Director (3:05), Brad Jorgenson-EM Field Director Chad Koranda-Sheriff, Collin Gilles-Chief Deputy Sheriff, John Worsing-ME.

1b) Public Comment
None

2) Agenda Adopted
Motion by D. Auckland/S. Bjork to adopt agenda as presented ; motion carried unanimously.

3) Approve Minutes
Motion by S. Bjork/D. Auckland to approve minutes of the Apr. 11th, 2023 meeting as presented; motion carried unanimously.

4) Discuss/take action to approve 911 phone system upgrade to support Next Generation 911 infrastructure update
B. Jorgenson requested this item & the following two be moved down the agenda as EM Director C. McPherson was currently unavailable. Chairman J. Aubart approved.

7) Sheriff's report & update
C. Koranda reported activities in the Sheriff's Office & Jail. He indicated that the budget line item for uniforms & equipment is high due to multiple new positions being filled. He reported on two new promising recruits & training they intend to participate in. Line items for wages/salaries likely to exceed 2023 Budget due to necessary overtime, at this point, directly related to special watches mandated. July 1st is date to add new security officer who, for the immediate future, may be used to fill other shifts to reduce overtime hours, if no objection by the Committee. C. Gilles reported on ARPA grant received indicating that, to date, $53,431.03 has been spent on items presented in previous meeting such as ballistic helmets, ERU headsets, patrol vests,

6) *Discuss/Take Action on 2024 District Attorney's Office Budget*

D. Feuerhelm reviewed DA budget indicating that professional services run high due to expert witnesses that may be required to testify at trial. Also, Victim Witness Specialist was only reimbursed at 48% by State. Motion by M. Pittman/D. Auckland to approve 2024 DA budget as presented; motion carried unanimously.

7) *Discuss/Take Action on 2024 Emergency Management Budget*

C. McPherson reviewed Emergency Management budget indicating a decrease in revenue due to less grant funds, increase due to salaries/wages/benefits. Motion by M. Pittman/D. Auckland to approve 2024 Emergency Management budget as presented; motion carried unanimously.

8) *Discuss/Take Action on 2024 Medical Examiner's Office Budget*

J. Worsing reviewed Medical Examiner's Office budget indicating slight increase in personnel costs, but decreases in autopsies, overall budget decrease of 2%. Motion by M. Pittman/S. Bjork to approve 2024 Medical Examiner's Office budget as presented; motion carried unanimously.

9) *Discuss/Take Action on 2024 Register in Probate Budget*

M. Erwin reviewed Register in Probate budget indicating slight increase due to salaries/wages/benefits but no other notable increases. Motion by S. Bjork/B. Plunkett to approve 2024 Register in Probate budget as presented; motion carried unanimously.

10) *Discuss/Take Action on 2023 Sheriff's Office Budget*

C. Koranda reviewed Sheriff's Office budget indicating an increase for salaries/wages/benefits, vehicles, & personnel uniforms. He added that the Office tries to replace four squads/year. Motion by M. Pittman/D. Auckland to approve 2024 Sheriff's Office budget as presented; motion carried unanimously.

11) *Discuss/take action to approve Jail Safety Equipment project upgrade*

C. Koranda explained that there is safety equipment in the jail that needs to be replaced or upgraded. Those would include SCBA fire protection gear, handheld portable radios, safety restraint chair, CIS/Turnkey interface, & GuadOne mobile notification devices w/CIS integration. Projected cost was $20,524.25. He suggested that funds from the Jail Assessment Fund could be used to purchase equipment, with the current balance at the end of July, 2023 being $178,086.62. Motion by S. Bjork/M. Pittman to approve purchase of jail safety equipment contingent upon approval of Finance & Personnel Committee & County Board; motion carried unanimously.

12) *Discuss/take action to authorize Sheriff's MRAP window replacement out of Asset Forfeiture Funds*

C. Koranda explained that the Office is in need of replacing the ballistic glass on the front windshield of the MRAP vehicle used in high risk situations. The current windshield is not guaranteed to be bullet resistant. The estimate to remove, replace, & install is $13,454. He added that the request to fund the project is to use a portion of the Asset Forfeiture account with a current balance of $14,977. Motion by M. Pittman/D. Auckland to approve purchase & installation of MRAP window replacement out of Asset Forfeiture funds; motion carried unanimously.

13) *Sheriff's report & update*

C. Koranda thanked the many staff who helped him prepare the 2024 budget. He added that recruiting & hiring for open positions is ongoing. Jail Lieutenant was recently hired & staffing levels are ok, but vacancies occur in other positions when higher positions are filled. No action taken.

14) *Medical Examiner's Report & Statistics*

J. Worsing reported that a nursing home in Elmwood would be closing its doors soon & would reduce the number of beds available for clients by 85 beds. No action taken.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD October 10, 2023 – 2:30 p.m.

STATE OF WISCONSIN } County Board Room
COUNTY OF PIERCE } 124 N. Oak St.., ELLSWORTH, WI 2023 – 08

1) Meeting Convened

The Pierce County Law Enforcement Committee met in the County Board Room of the Pierce County Courthouse, Ellsworth, WI. Chairman J. Aubart called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

1a) Those Present

A quorum was established acknowledging 5 members present.

Members present: Absent/Excused:

Jon Aubart	District #3
Ben Plunkett	District #5
Scott Bjork	District #7
Dale Auckland	District #12
Mel Pittman	District #17

Also present: Jason Matthys-Admin Coordinator, Jamie Feuerhelm- County Clerk, Christine McPherson-Emergency Management Director, Chad Koranda-Sheriff, Collin Gilles-Chief Deputy Sheriff, Andy Thoms-Lt. Patrol.

1b) Public Comment

None

2) Agenda Adopted

Motion by D. Auckland/S. Bjork to adopt agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.

3) Approve Minutes

Motion by M. Pittman/D. Auckland to approve minutes of the Aug. 8th, 2023 meeting as presented; motion carried unanimously.

4) Discuss/take action to accept state HazMat Grant award

C. McPherson informed Committee the Dept. was awarded a HazMat equipment grant in the amount of $4,340.99 & requested formal acceptance of grant. Motion by S. Bjork/M. Pittman to accept State of Wisconsin HazMat grant in the amount of $4,340.99; motion carried unanimously.

5) Discuss/take action to authorize Emergency Management expenditure from grant funds for ID Badge printers

C. McPherson explained the request is to use the grant funds discussed in previous item plus additional funds to purchase access/credentialing ID printers. The total cost is $6,125; the additional $1,784.01 to be requested from Security Fund. J. Matthys explained that the request for additional funds would need to be presented to the Security Workgroup Ad Hoc committee for approval. Motion by M. Pittman/S. Bjork to authorize purchase of ID printers contingent upon approval for additional funds from Security Workgroup; motion carried unanimously.

6) *Emergency Management Report*
C. McPherson reported that she has had no further discussions with Xcel or other entities with regard to the outdoor warning sirens. Also, that the Dept. will be receiving a planning grant for 2024 that was applied for this year. No action taken.

7) *Sheriff's Report*
C. Koranda reported that with the help of Lt. Andy Thoms, Chief Deputy Collin Gilles, & other staff the Sheriff's Dept. would be hosting some training opportunities. They would include background investigative training, first line supervisor training, & training for jailers. The Office is also working with the DOT on safety issues/concerns that have been identified for a portion of Highway 35 south of Prescott. Also, working with TurnKey on a program that would allow for translation of phone calls made by non-English speaking inmates. No action taken.

8) *Medical Examiner's Report & Statistics*
ME John Worsing not present so J. Matthys reported that investigations appear to be down 9% from previous year. He added that in discussions with Mr. Worsing that the challenge of addressing unclaimed decedents is likely to be an ongoing issue & may need to be addressed further. No action taken.

9) *Future Agenda Items*
- None presented.

10) *Next Meeting Date*
Next regular meeting scheduled for second Tuesday, Nov. 14th, at 2:30 p.m., in County Board Room, Courthouse.

11) *Adjourn*
Motion to adjourn at 2:59 p.m. by S. Bjork/M. Pittman; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by: Jamie Feuerhelm, County Clerk