Rusk County Sheriff’s Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 2008
County Board Meeting Room

Members present: Farrington, Golat and Skogen

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Skogen at 9:00 A.M.

2. Golat/Farrington motion to approve agenda and addendum, motion carried.

3. Farrington/Golat motion to approve January 9, 2008 meeting minutes, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Coroner presentation
   a. Monthly report – Coroner Grotzinger was not present for this meeting. She left the January 2008 monthly report and bills to be submitted in her absence. There were nine natural deaths, one accident, and six cremations. Van mileage was at 88,017 for the month. The committee would like to see the mileage listed as a continuation each month so that it can be compared month to month and reviewed throughout the year for oil changes/service.
   b. Bills – vouchers were signed.
      Golat/Farrington motion to approve coroner’s monthly report and bills, motion carried.

5. Old Business
   a. Personnel updates – none at this time. The department will wait on the hiring process for the vacant 80% part time patrol position until after a determination of the Bruce Patrol contract has been decided/voted on.

6. New Business
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Kaminski presented the January 2008 monthly report. The average daily inmate population was 32 while the EMP average was 0.
      1. Training requested for: Ahneman, Arts & Jaedike – Jailor In-Service @ WITC Ashland; Hibbard – Arson Investigation @ CVTC Eau Claire; Barth & Egle – Patrol In-Service @ WITC Rice Lake; Wallace – Emergency Services @ Cable; and Warner – DNR Water Patrol @ Neenah. Farrington/Golat motion to approve requested training, motion carried.

Sheriff Kaminski attended the following meetings during January: TRIAD, Rusk County Snowmobile Club, Rusk County Hazmat Team, Congressman David Obey meeting, OJA meeting at Volk Field, and the Rusk County Sheriff’s Department monthly meeting/training session.
January’s calls for service were down even more so than December 2007’s probably due to the colder weather and snow. Golat made reference to how fire numbers are posted and that maybe there should be a resolution/ordinance specifying how and where the numbers are posted for better EMS visibility/response.

Inmate housing billed was at the WBSO contract minimum of $12,400 for January. Patrol and Dispatch/Jail overtime were both up considerably from last month. Patrol’s increase in OT was due to sick leave and Dispatch/Jail OT was partially due to FMLA.

2. Bills submitted totaled $32,413.10. Golat/Farrington motion to approve the bills and monthly report, motion carried.

b. User fees for Senior Center – Sheriff Kaminski would like to see the percentages decreased regarding the Sheriff Department’s portion owed on utilities at the Senior/Youth Center. Jail meals are prepared there twice a day (not served there) and there are other organizations that utilize that facility more regularly. The Sheriff’s Committee would like the percentages/amounts forwarded to Rosemary Schmit so that this issue can be presented/reviewed by the Finance Committee.

c. Request to carry-forward 2007 surplus/donations to Finance Committee – K-9 funds for new agility training equipment- $1,749.67; Jail software- $17,101.67; Jail office equipment- $7,500; Jail/Dispatch center entry locks & new security glass in entrance door- $19,000 (estimated.)

d. Resolutions

1. Multi-Jurisdictional Communications System – LFD received a grant to host a County-wide communications system upgrade in which the Sheriff’s Department has $326,080 available to it and the County would have to match five percent = $16,304. Request $16,304 transferred from 2007 Sheriff’s Budget surplus funds. Golat/Farrington motion to approve resolution and forward to Finance Committee, motion carried.

2. Amend Rusk County CAD/JMS/RMS – New computer system install/upgrade expenses have exceeded the original budgeted amount and therefore the Sheriff requests the following amounts: $8,500.73 for Inform which is a view only version of the CAD screen that can be accessed by office personnel, patrol (while at their desks and potentially while in their squads), the DA’s office, or any other party that has assigned access privileges; $6,750 for integrating the CrossMatch fingerprinting system; $14,500 for GeoRelay to redo the addresses/mapping for EMS; $18,306 for upgrading the Communicator that is used for automated mass notifications regarding emergencies; and $4,160 for annual maintenance of the new CAD/JMS/RMS. Total requested = $52,216.73 from 2007 Jail Budget surplus funds.
Farrington/Golat motion to approve resolution and forward to Finance Committee, motion carried.

3. Sheriff’s Department 2008 Equipment Needs – request $20,000 to purchase LED light bars for all the squads due to old light bars becoming outdated and hard to service/find parts for; $1,000 also requested for upgrading the department’s scheduling program. Total of $21,000 requested from 2007 Sheriff’s Budget surplus funds. Golat/Farrington motion to approve resolution and forward to Finance Committee, motion carried.

e. Large Gathering Ordinance – Due largely in part to last year’s Rock Rally event in Glen Flora, Chief Deputy Hahn has been working on revising/updating the current Large Assembly Ordinance (12.04). He suggested eight changes pertaining to the following areas: 1) noise decibels, 2) parking spaces, 3) mandatory land line availability, 4) required number of security personnel and licensing/certification of, 5) alcoholic beverages and additional security (RUSO) personnel required, 6) inclement weather/emergency notification system in place, 7) fire protection codes, and 8) sound/noise containment within the boundaries of the assembly. It has also been noted that RUSO patrol at such events will be billable to the event organizer/planner. Once each county department finishes making their changes/recommendations the Large Gathering Ordinance will be forwarded to the County Board for approval.

f. Squad bids – Chief Deputy Hahn advised that squad rates are up and therefore he only has enough available budget for three new squads. A cost comparison of Impalas, Crown Vics, Explorers and Trail Blazers through Ewald, Toycen and Link Ford was given to the committee for review. Skogen suggested Chief Deputy Hahn also check with Toycen for pricing on Ford vehicles due to Toycen’s owner now owning Bloomer Ford. If Toycen can give Ford pricing and service the vehicles here in Ladysmith (as opposed to Link Ford in Rice Lake or Ewald in the Milwaukee area) that might be the better option. Golat/Skogen motion to approve the purchase/leasing of two Impalas and one Explorer, motion carried.

g. Resolution to Accept Interoperability grant – Jim Turner presented a resolution to accept Homeland Security Interoperability Grant Award #HS-05-IC-0321 for a MARC 1 repeater system to enhance the interoperable communications capability of Rusk County during mutual aid response situations. The equipment purchased/installed for this project totaled $16,687.24 and OJA has paid $13,758.93 leaving a match payment remainder of $2,928.31. Golat/Skogen motion to forward resolution to the County Board and request the $2,928.31 from the general fund, motion carried.

7. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

8. Golat/Farrington motion to adjourn at 10:37 A.M., motion carried.