Rusk County Sheriff’s Committee Meeting
MINUTES
Wednesday, April 8, 2009 – 9:00 A.M.
Law Enforcement Center Meeting Room

Present: Skogen, Golat, Willingham and Lieffring

1. Meeting called to order at 9:04 A.M.
2. Lieffring/Willingham motion to approve the March 11, 2009 meeting minutes, motion carried.
3. Golat/Lieffring motion to approve the agenda, motion carried.
4. Rusk County Coroner presentation – the Coroner was absent

5. Old Business
   a. Personnel updates – The full-time patrol deputy is on-duty. The background for the part-time female dispatcher/jailer should be completed in the next week. Manley Peterson accepted a position with the IT department and his full-time male position has been offered/accepted by the part-time male. There is a current eligibility list for this position which will be used to replace the part-time male vacancy.

6. New Business
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Kaminski presented the March 2009 monthly report. The average daily inmate population was 49 and the average daily EMP population was 1. Golat/Willingham motion to approve the training requested for Duchnowski, Olynick, Fenstermacher, Brunner, Kaminski and Flater, motion carried.

Various meetings were attended by the Sheriff. A drug presentation was given at the Flambeau School and an alcohol presentation was given at the Town of Grant.

Willingham advised the committee of the semi-annual joint meeting held with EMS and emergency services and advised the Sheriff’s department has been very cooperative with other emergency services and the significance of this meeting.

Calls for service were up from last month. Inmate housing billed was $12,440 and YTD is $36,040. Overtime is due to shortage in dispatch and with no part-time employees on staff in dispatch and patrol.

Bills submitted for payment total $33,948.83.

Willingham/Golat motion to approve the monthly report and payment of vouchers, motion carried.

   b. WI DOT “Booze & Belts” Equipment Grant resolution – Sheriff Kaminski presented a resolution to accept funding from WI Dept. of Transportation to purchase two radar units and four intoximeters. Willingham/Lieffring motion to submit resolution to the County Board for their consideration, motion carried.

   c. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 – this is a direct grant for Rusk County in the amount of $16,491. Sheriff Kaminski submitted the application and will use $4000 for K-9 replacement and the remainder to continue funding the drug investigator an additional two months and one week. Deputy Wallace will receive the new K-9 and attend two weeks of training sponsored by the FVTC. The cost of the dog and training is $8400 with will be covered by donations and this grant. The Sheriff will also submit a COPS grant to fund a drug investigator for three years at entry level which then the county must retain for one additional year. The Sheriff has also requested to join the West Central Drug Task Force (Eau Claire area) which could possibly qualify for federal Byrne funding for a drug investigator in Rusk County. Sheriff Kaminski has also requested continued Meth funding through Obey’s office.

7. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 13, 2009 at 9:00 A.M.
8. Lieffring/Golat motion to adjourn at 9:50 am, motion carried.