Rusk County Sheriff’s Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 10, 2009 – 8:30 A.M.

Committee members present:  Skogen, Golat, Willingham, Knops and Lieffring  
Others:  Chief Deputy Hahn, Denise Wetzel, John Edming and Phil Schmidt

1. Chairman Skogen called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

2. Golat/Knops motion to approve the November 11, 2009 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Knops/Lieffring motion to approve the agenda, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Coroner presentation  
   a. Coroner Grotzinger submitted the November 2009 monthly report for review.  There were seven natural deaths, one accident and two suicides.  Eight cremations and two lab tests.  
   b. Three vouchers were submitted for approval.  Golat/Lieffring motion to approve the monthly report and bills, motion carried.

5. Old Business  
   a. Personnel updates – The department is in the process of filling two vacant patrol shifts and one male dispatch/jailer.  Deputy Mark Warner is retiring in January 2010 and his position will be filled from the eligibility list.

6. New Business  
   a. Monthly report  
      • Chief Deputy Hahn presented the November 2009 monthly report.  The average daily inmate population was 34.  
      • Upcoming training was requested for dispatch/jailers Duchnowski/Olson/Olynick, Kaminski, Trott and the Jail Chaplains.  Lieffring/Knops motion to approve the training requested, motion carried.  
      • Hahn informed the committee that the deputy involved shooting was cleared by the Chippewa County District Attorney and the Brown County Shooting Review Team.  
      • Calls for service were reviewed.  The numbers of burglaries were up.  One suspect has been arrested and there are leads on other suspects.  
      • Overtime is up due to vacancies.  There were 829 vacant patrol hours in November.  184 hours were filled by scheduling adjustments, 377 hours with overtime, and 268 hours were left unfilled.  
      • Bills submitted total $28,255.84.

   Golat/Willingham motion to pay the bills and approve the monthly report.  Motion carried.
b. Large Gathering Ordinance – The Chapter 12 ordinance has been modified for all of Rusk County and not one particular event. Edming and Schmidt were present to discuss these issues they have regarding the ordinance:

- **12.04.E** – *The use of sound amplification devices shall be prohibited between the hours of 1 am and 8 am.* Schmidt is a representative for Rock Rally and would like to keep the beer tent open until 2:30 am. Discussion followed on variances or conditional provisions given for a waiver based on circumstances to be approved by Sheriff’s Committee or the full County Board. The Board approves the ordinance so the Board will need to determine if they want the final approval or if the Sheriff’s committee can give the approval.

- **12.04.G** – remove the wording “government sponsored fairs”

- **12.04.3.B.12** – *If alcoholic beverages are permitted on the event grounds, there shall be, in addition to security guards described above, one uniformed Wisconsin-certified law enforcement officer provided by the Rusk County Sheriff’s Office, for every 1000 people, with a minimum of 2 officers at all times.* Schmidt and Edming have concerns with the financial drain this would cause on the event. At past rallies, there have been officers overnight but not throughout the daytime. The committee discussed various options and will address this at the meeting next month. To be added to this section is that *law enforcement will be allowed access to the event grounds at all times.*

c. Letters of Commendation – Sheriff Kaminski drafted letters for Deputy Wallace, Deputy Kummet and DNR Warden Peery. Willingham/Golat motion to approve the letters of commendation with congratulations and thanks to the officers, and would like this to be presented at the full County Board, motion carried.

d. Jail tour – Golat was excused at this time to attend another meeting. Members met with Jail Administrator Thompson who provided the jail tour.

7. The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 8:30 am.

8. Knops/Lieffring motion to adjourn at 10:30 am, motion carried.