Present: Skogen, Golat, Willingham, Knops and Lieffring

1. Chairman Skogen called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

2. Knops/Golat motion to approve the October 4, 2009 meeting minutes, motion carried.

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

4. Rusk County Coroner presentation

   a. Coroner Grotzinger presented the October 2009 monthly report. There were two cases - one accident and one homicide; two cremations; one x-ray; one lab; and, one forensic autopsy.

   b. Bills signed.

   Golat/Knops motion to approve the monthly report and bills, motion carried.

5. Old Business

   a. Personnel updates – The two deputies involved in the shooting are on paid administrative leave. The department is also two patrol deputies short which will reflect on November overtime costs. October 2009 patrol overtime was due to 560 vacant hours due to the staff shortage. Of the 560 hours, 205 hours were left unfilled, 171 hours were filled with overtime, 8 hours were covered by the LPD, and 176 hours were covered by adjusting the schedules.

6. New Business

   a. Sheriff Kaminski presented the October 2009 monthly report. The average daily inmate population was 41 and there were no EMPs in October. October’s major event was the officers involved shooting, upcoming is deer season. Sheriff Kaminski explained the meetings that were attended and advised the committee of the upcoming Shop With A Cop program. Calls for service were reviewed. There were 889 calls in October compared to 854 in September. Overtime costs are due to the vacancies and vacations. Bills submitted for approval total $36,640.80.

   Willingham/Lieffring motion to approve the monthly report and bills, motion carried.

   b. Rusk County Address and Road Name Ordinance – The final adjustments to the ordinance have been completed and a resolution to approve the ordinance will be submitted to the County Board. Willingham/Knops motion to submit the resolution with attached ordinance to the County Board, Sheriff Kaminski advised that there may be a designated time for public comment offered at the board meeting, motion carried.

Chief Deputy Hahn questioned the committee on four issues that Phil Schmidt has with the Large Gathering Ordinance and is wondering which committee should address these issues. It was the consensus of the committee that they would deal with the issues. This issue will be placed on the December agenda.

Chief Deputy Hahn also advised the committee of the need for video cameras in squad cars. The last incident was recorded on video by the DNR warden and having the video and audio recordings can save the County and officers from lawsuits and liability issues. The cost to equip the marked squads is approximately $60,000 and to include the investigators would be $75,000. There are no grants available at this time and Chairman Skogen will bring this issue before the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Sheriff Kaminski informed the committee that they will participate in a jail tour and lunch next month. There are no major issues with the jail. The State will soon be here for another inspection.

7. The next meeting is Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 9:00 am.

8. Willingham/Golat motion to adjourn at 10:04 am, motion carried.