Rusk County Sheriff’s Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2009 – 9:00 AM

Members present: Skogen, Golat, Willingham, Lieffring and Knops
Others: Sheriff Kaminski, Chief Deputy Hahn, Coroner Grotzinger

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Skogen at 9:00.

2. Lieffring/Knops motion to approve the September 9, 2009 meeting minutes, motion carried.

3. Golat/Willingham motion to approve the agenda, motion carried.

4. Rusk County Coroner presentation
   a. Monthly report – Grotzinger presented the September 2009 monthly report. There were four natural deaths, one accident, three suicides and one pending case for a total of nine. Total cremations were four, one x-ray, two labs and one forensic autopsy. Grotzinger presented one bill for lab. Grotzinger requested to attend a conference in Milwaukee on November 2-3, 2009 presented by Dr. G on Child Deaths. Conference fee is $250 plus two nights lodging and mileage. Willingham/Knops motion to approve the attendance of this conference, motion carried. Golat/Lieffring motion to accept the monthly report and payment of bills, motion carried.

5. Old Business
   a. Personnel updates – Patrol interviews will be Oct. 15-16 and Lieffring and Golat will be on the interview panel. Dispatch/jailer interviews will be Oct. 23 and Lieffring and Knops will be on the interview panel. Guthman’s arbitration is scheduled for February 2010. Jones’ arbitration is scheduled for January 2010. Patrol deputy Mark Warner will retire in January 2010.

   b. 2010 budget – due to Warner’s retirement, the payout of sick leave was added to the 2010 budget.

6. New Business
   a. Monthly report – Sheriff Kaminski presented the September 2009 monthly report. The average daily inmate population was 40 and there were no EMP inmates. Training requests for Boehmer, Kaminski, Ahneman, Jaedike and Olson. Knops/Lieffring motion to approve the training requested, motion carried.

      The Sheriff and Chief Deputy attended many meetings this month. Kaminski advised the committee that Ray Lee Wimer, a sex offender, is to be released in Ladysmith. He advised the committee that Wimer is considered a risk to re-offend.
Calls for service were down for the month. Inmate housing billed for September was $12,080 and YTD is $109,320. Washburn County is reducing their contract for inmate housing from ten to four for November and December and then the 2010 contract will be for eight per day, subject to change. Sheriff Kaminski is hopeful that we can meet the projected 2009 revenue with the increased number of probation holds this year; however, the State prorates the daily fee they pay.

Overtime for patrol is high due to the 2.8 vacancies in September. The grant funding for the drug investigator is done so the drug investigator has been reassigned to patrol duties as of October 1, 2009.

Bills submitted total $39,282.70. Knops/Lieffring motion to approve the bills and monthly report, motion carried.

b. Large Gathering ordinance – resolution amendment – the updates have been completed and a resolution has been prepared and needs to be approved by the County Board. The members signed the resolution to be submitted to the Board.

c. Meal reimbursements – Sheriff Kaminski informed the committee of some concerns he has with meal reimbursements. This will be an agenda item for the next Finance committee meeting.

7. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 11, 2009 at 9:00 AM.

8. Lieffring/Golat motion to adjourn at 9:58 AM, motion carried.