



JUDICIAL/LAW ENFORCEMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

July 25, 2016

A special 2017 Budget meeting of the Judicial/Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee was called to order by Chairman Michael Starshak at 4:30 PM on July 25, 2016 in the County Board room of the Green Lake County Justice Center, 571 County Road A, Green Lake, WI. The requirements of the open meeting law were certified as being met.

Present: Michael Starshak – Chair
Larry Jenkins – Vice Chair
Sue Wendt

Others Present:

Mark Podoll, Sheriff
Judge Slate
Lori Evans, Admin. Ass't to Sheriff
Andrew Christenson, DA

Amy Thoma, Clerk of Courts
Gary Podoll, EM Director
Tony Daley, Berlin Journal

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the group.

AGENDA

Motion/Second (Wendt/Jenkins) to approve the amended agenda. All Ayes. Motion carried.

2017 Budget Review

Clerk of Courts: Clerk of Courts, Amy Thoma explained the changes in her budget. The most significant change was in the jury expenses, due to having longer juries and more juries. Finance charges are no longer being collected with the new credit card system.

Circuit Court/Register in Probate: Judge Slate explained the various changes he has made in his budget. The main changes being that Guardian Ad Litem fees are all in one account now, he has increased the Court Commissioner account to what the Court Commissioner is actually receiving and he will be reducing the Deputy Register in Probate position from 50% to 5%. This will reduce his budget by \$26,718.71. With the changes listed, his budget will see a 31% decrease in his portion of the tax levy, the lowest since 1992.

District Attorney: DA Christenson presented his budget with a \$1,000 increase. It has to do with the Computer Forensic Examiner account. Revenues for this account were at \$6,000; \$5,000 of those revenues were being collected from the five law enforcement agencies in the County. The officer that was handling the program has left and no replacement has been found. Therefore it was decided that in 2017 no further funds would be added to that account from the Law Enforcement agencies. The expenses for that account of \$5,000 were also eliminated. That left a deficit in revenues of \$1,000. Though all of the funds generated for the Computer Forensic program are non-levy dollars, the Committee did not want the DA's budget to reflect a \$1,000 increase to the budget. The DA was told to review his budget and bring it back to the next meeting.

Coroner's Office: There was no appearance by the Coroner. Her budget increased by \$1,000. The committee asked that she appear at the next meeting to explain her budget.

Emergency Management: EM Director Gary Podoll was present to discuss his budgets in which there was an overall \$100.00 tax levy decrease. He stated he is seeing an increase in grant revenues. Otherwise with some minor changes, his accounts remained essentially the same.

Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Podoll deferred to his Administrative Assistant Lori Evans to present the Sheriff's Office budget which came in at a 0% increase. Highlights included reallocating of the fuel line item to squad repairs, squad and officer equipment purchases, as every year we are seeing an increase in the cost of those items. Hovercraft repair, and range supplies were also increased. Supervisor Starshak explained to the Committee that he is always concerned when funds are reallocated, but he feels that the Sheriff's Office provides good explanations for their reallocations and agrees with their reasoning. Minor changes were made in the radio and jail expense accounts. The revenue accounts had a number of changes including an increase in prisoner board due to ES Sanction revenues increasing as well as the funds paid to us by the State of Wisconsin for housing P&P inmates due to infractions of their probationary rules. There was also a sharp increase in the amount of Huber fees collected attributed to the vast

success of the Recidivism Reduction Program, especially the Jail to Jobs segment. Chairman Starshak stated he would like to see more public awareness regarding the importance of the Recidivism Reduction Program.

The largest share of the revenue increases went to Squad and Squad Equipment to offset the cost of armoring the SWAT vehicle. The Sheriff explained the need for armoring the SWAT vehicle at a cost of \$80,000 to \$100,000. He does not have enough funds to cover that at this time. His plan is once he gets a firm price for the project to come back through Committees requesting that the purchase be approved using about 1/3 of the Squad and Squad Equipment carry-over account, and 2/3's out of undesignated/contingency funds which he would pay back over the course of the next two years.

Chairman Starshak complimented the Sheriff on the good job he did on his budget.

Motion/Second (Wendt/Jenkins) to approve the budgets as presented, except for the Coroner and DA. They requested that those budgets be brought back to the next regular meeting. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion/Second (Wendt/Jenkins) to adjourn. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Lori Evans, Committee Secretary, Administrative Assistant to the Sheriff