

Joint Powers Agreements – The annual Joint Powers Agreements were presented for renewal. Sheriff Mrotek advised this is a statutory agreement that needs to be renewed. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Peters to approve the Joint Powers Agreements with the towns. Motion carried without negative vote.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – Mr. Kruk reported that a patch between our two systems is being installed. Some audio coming out of dispatch had issues so the patch has been adjusted, and they are cleaning up the audio between the two systems. The part that they are waiting for may improve communication, as well. We are attempting to expand our tower coverage this month in the south.

Code Enforcement – A written report was provided. Mr. Blicharz said there has been an increase in at large dog complaints. The rabies vaccine clinic dates and locations have been finalized, and they are being posted on FB and elsewhere as he expands the social media presence.

Emergency Management --

Medical Examiner – A written report was provided. Ms. Ripczinski has submitted the initial WDF grant to help with highway cleanup. Dates for the upcoming Active Shooter Large Scale exercise in August and March. The Sheriff recognized Ms. Ripczinski for her excellent work in the new position.

Child Support Department Report --

A written report was provided.

Child Support MOU – Mr. Albarado advised the final copy is not yet ready, and final language changes should be ready for the April meeting.

Resolution in Support of Increased County Child Support Funding – A resolution supporting increased county child support funding was presented for consideration asking the legislators to approve the increased funding request. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Emergency Services --

Ambulance Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Froemel advised they are scheduling a CPR class in the high school as well as setting up EMS classes at area schools. He has good interest with individuals who may be interested in taking transfers, including area nurses. There were two CPR incidents on the Birkie Korte, and one of our EMT staff had an accident and is in the hospital.

Ambulance Billing – The reports were not available for this meeting. We are at the 30% mark in recoveries at this time, and they continue to work with the previous company. Industry standard for recovery is 30-40%.

Medical Examiner Report --

Town of Edgewater Request – Mr. Albarado advised that the Edgewater Town Chair contacted him about exiting the County ambulance service because they contract with another party (Birchwood). Because we are a county-wide service and case law has objected to this practice, this is not possible at this point in time. More investigation needs to be done on this request.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update -

CJCC Bylaws Amendments – A copy of the current CJCC bylaws was presented for consideration. Mr. Albarado advised the CJCC committee authorized the ability to set up sub-committees and had changes in membership. These changes will increase membership from 14 to 16 (items L and M of Article V; Structure) and voting members to 15. Formal board approval will be sought since the CJCC committee already approved at their committee level.

CJCC Appointments – Julia Lyons will likely be appointed.

Overdose Strategy and Opioid Funding – Public Health has developed a plan and have started a funding strategy. It will be brought to County Board for review.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, April 6 at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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