

LAFAYETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Law Enforcement Committee Minutes

May 17, 2016

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on April 25, 2016, in the Sheriff's Office Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Committee Chairman, Gerald Heimann. Present at the meeting were Gerald Heimann, John Perkins, Dwayne Larson, John Bartels, Sheriff Reg Gill, Lt. Theresa Burgess, and Chief Deputy Troy Loeffelholz. Others present were Brian and Diane Lund.

Mr. Heimann called for proof of posting. Sheriff Gill confirmed that meeting notices were posted at the Courthouse, Darlington Municipal Building, and First Merit Bank in Darlington on May 10, 2016.

Mr. Heimann asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Bartels seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bartels seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Update

Drug Officer: Interviews will be conducted by SLANT personnel on May 6th. There was positive feedback on both candidates. Brandon Gudgeon was selected and will begin on May 23, 2016

Status of Budget Carryover: Sheriff Gill reported that the request had been granted by the Finance Committee and would be forwarded to the County Board.

Significant Cases: Sheriff Gill updated the committee on significant involvement of the Sheriff's Office assisting with an FBI search warrant that was conducted as a piece of a large FBI investigation in the Benton area. The Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant with the assistance of the Beloit Police Department, Janesville Police Department, Mercy Med 1 and others from Rock County. Due to safety and approach concerns, the Bear Cat was utilized. The search warrant was deemed successful and completed without incident.

The Sheriff's Office staff also executed an extensive search warrant in connection with another in Green County which involved a large marijuana growing operation.

Costs for both operations will be submitted for reimbursement through the CEASE grant as well as Federal reimbursement.

The agency was asked to assist the Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Office with an officer involved shooting. Subjects were apprehended without injury.

Action on Monthly Bills: Motion made by Mr. Larson to pay presented bills. Mr. Perkins seconded. Motion Approved.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at 6 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Bartels, second by Mr. Perkins. Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Special Meeting

June 1, 2016

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement Committee held a special meeting on June 1, 2016, in the Sheriff's Office Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 5:52p.m., by Committee Chairman, Gerald Heimann. Present at the meeting were Gerald Heimann, Dwayne Larson, John Bartels, John Perkins, Sheriff Reg Gill, Chief Deputy Troy Loeffelholz, and Lt. Theresa Burgess.

Mr. Heimann called for proof of postings. Sheriff Gill advised that meeting notices were posted at the Lafayette County Courthouse, Darlington Municipal Building, and First Merit Bank in Darlington.

Mr. Heimann called for approval of the agenda. Mr. Bartels moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Mr. Larson. Motion approved.

Discussion Items:

There was discussion on Sheriff's Office needs, if, the County were to purchase land near the County Highway Shop to construct a building. The Sheriff's Office is in need of a location for an Emergency Operations Center as well as a back-up dispatch location if the current Sheriff's Office structure were compromised. No action was taken with regard to this issue.

Discussion & Possible Action Items:

Re-designating the SLANT position to a full-time permanent position: Sheriff Gill explained the benefits to maintaining the agency's narcotics investigation position by making it permanent as well as re-naming it a "Narcotics Investigator" as part of the Detective Division. A motion was made by Mr. Perkins to recommend to the Human Resources Committee to make the position permanent. A second was received by Mr. Bartels. Motion approved.

Re-classifying the wages/benefits for the Benton Contract position: Sheriff Gill explained that the Benton Officer Contract is currently a 40 hour per week contract and Deputy Steven Schultz has been filling that position, working full-time hours and earning benefits. It was suggested to the committee that it would be beneficial to re-designate the position to a full-time status. Mr. Larson made a motion to recommend to the Human Resources Committee to re-classify the position, making it full-time, pending a commitment from the Village of Benton to a 5-year contract. Mr. Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bartels, second by Mr. Larson. Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.