



Juneau County Emergency Management

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Emergency Management Committee Meeting Minutes 200 Oak St Justice Center

Emergency Management Office
Monday, May 1, 2023 at 9:30

Joint Sheriff's Committee and Emergency Management held prior to regular Emergency Management Committee Meeting (9:00 a.m.)

- EM Position – The current discussion is looking to move the Emergency Management Director preview under the scope and employ of the Sheriff's Office in regards to pay scale. The re-class for EM had passed county board but was not passed through the budget process. Currently the position is funded at approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ by grant funding. It is believed that this is funded on a sliding scale formula. The current remaining budget line for the county would be an approximately 20k – 30k increase. They are looking for a joint recommendation to hire EM as a lieutenant. As a provision, the Emergency Management Committee would remain intact. The joint committee asked for there to be a job description and budgetary implications forwarded to the next meeting.
 - Radios – EM Director Bonikowske and Sheriff Zobal recently attended a meeting in Stevens Point with L3 Harris and the Office of Emergency Communication, in regard to the County's radio system. Currently, Juneau County has approximately 485 radios, 165 mobile and 320 portable. With the proposed 700/800 system and if Wisconsin Assembly Bill LRB0912 and Senate Bill SB218 pass, the county would be responsible for 20% of the costs of new radios, which is approximately 438k, 500k with installation and programming. No subscriber fees have been talked about, but state legislators could impose a fee per radio for folks to be on the new 700/800 system. The lifespan of public safety systems is approximately 10-12 years, so our current system is at end of life. The 700/800 system would be done in two phases. Phase one is the purchase of equipment, phase two would be equipment installation at the tower sites. This has a roll out date of 2025. The state will be responsible for the maintenance of equipment, and the county would be responsible for structural costs associated with the towers we currently have at Wonewoc, Elroy, Necedah, Armenia and Mauston. We are currently attempting to have our system analyzed to determine the cause of the backlog issues. Those folks will be on-site at the end of May. Gencomm's antenna testing equipment is broken currently. Once they have that piece of equipment fixed, they will start doing an antenna sweep to find which antenna is currently bad on the analog side. The state is going to 700/800, but analog is still an option; however, this would come at a cost of approximately 3.2M. More discussion to follow.
- A. Call to Order and Certify Compliance with Open Meeting Law
1. Roll Call/Introduction of Guests
Meeting called to order by Chairman Chris Zindorf at 10:15 a.m.
Present: Jeremy Bonikowske, Chris Zindorf, Herb Dannenberg, Kathy Niles
Absent: Lynn Willard



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2. Public Comments: None
3. Review/Approve Minutes of prior meeting
Motion made by Dannenberg, seconded by Willard to approve the minutes of April 3, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

B. Director's Report

1. Monthly Update

Ethanol Response Training at Marquis Energy. Working with Marquis and Necedah Fire to organize a county-wide ethanol response training.

Time System Training last week.

WISCOM Meeting

Met with Mary Crowley regarding Functional Needs. Being renamed to Vulnerable Populations Registry. Working with Land Information and Dispatch to get everything updated.

Website Committee still meeting to develop new website.

Annual meeting with Wisconsin Power Company.

Fire Association Meeting. Main topic was radio system. Advised group about upcoming trainings.

Meeting for active threat full scale taking place June 7.

Public Health Preparedness meeting. Looked at supplies needed for first responders, etc.

Wildland Fire in Necedah. A team of county employees (Parks, Land & Water, Health, and EM) will be holding a meeting Friday, May 5 at 9 a.m. Necedah Village Hall. Tony Kurtz and Howard Marklein will be in attendance. Jeremy is unable to attend, so Herb Dannenberg and Chris Zindorf will be going in his place. There is a town meeting May 8 as well. Did some cleanup of the ash on Friday. Hoping to have soil sample results by the meeting date.

Weather Spotter Training on April 27. Approximately 30 people attended. Gave away four weather radios.

EFJ will be here at the end of the month, May 30 to June 2, to do analysis on our sites. Hopefully we will have more information available for our June meeting.



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Jeremy has two more meetings left for the Advanced Leadership Program. The group visited Madison last month for State Governor Day. Concern that the ALP Program may be cut from the budget. May ask past ALP participants to write letters explaining the benefits of the program and why it should continue.

Jeremy is keeping track of total hours worked for the year. Since the first of the year has worked an additional 80 hours.

2. Digital Radio/WISCOM

Discussed at joint meeting held before this meeting.

3. Purchases/Expenses

No purchases yet this month. Future purchases include chest waders, ratchet straps, and replacement boom for waterways to catch spills.

C. Discussion and possible action on items listed below

1. Omega Weather Camera/Sensors

Application that replaced DTN weather radar. They offer a camera sensory package for real time view of conditions at our location. Can have camera to help monitor storms, etc. Would like to look at potentially getting this. Will look at pricing and bring back to next meeting.

2. Push-to-Talk Radio Breakout Box

Jeremy has been using the Zello push-to-talk application. It is free for five years. FirstNet offers push-to-talk for a charge. Jeremy will look into further.

D. Next Meeting – June 5, 2023 at 9:30

E. Motion made by Dannenberg and seconded by Zindorf to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Niles