

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
SHERIFF, JAIL & LICENSE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2nd, 2012

Committee Chair Jack Vietti called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the meeting room on the 2nd floor of the Pontiac Public Library.

Present: Vietti, Holt, Arbogast, Weller,

Absent: Fannin, Franey, Yoder

Also Present: Bill Fairfield, Sheriff Meredith, Superintendent Cox, June Slagel, Alina Hartley

Vietti called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Arbogast, second by Holt to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the September 4th, 2012 meeting. *Motion by Holt, second by Weller to approve the minutes of the September 4th, 2012 meeting.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Monthly Department Report – N/A

Superintendent Cox later provided his monthly department report with an average daily jail population of 71 and the average number of days spent being 23 days.

911 Report – Sheriff Meredith reported that the Manville tower had been broke into and the door kicked in.

Pro-Active Report – Sheriff Meredith reviewed the monthly pro-active report with the Committee. Meredith reported that he currently has 16 seized vehicles.

Additional Funding for Lab Fees (Joey Edwards Case) – Sheriff Meredith introduced Detective Sergeant Dutko who was present to review the possibility of retaining a private lab to process all the testing. Sheriff Meredith reported that there are some issues with the state crime lab. Meredith stated that there are additional pieces of evidence that can be produced since the technology has evolved, but the turnaround time at the state level is anywhere between 2-6 years due to reductions in staff. Sheriff Meredith reported that this lab can process all the counties evidence on a timely manner. The annual cost to join the lab is \$23,467.32, which would be prorated for the remainder of the year. Sergeant Dutko stated that the lab also offers a 25% discount for the first year. Discussion took place. Consensus of the year was to join for the remainder of this year and 2013 and evaluate at that time whether or not to continue. Sheriff Meredith stated that he will be able to use \$5,000 from the drug fund to cover some of the cost for this year. *Motion by Weller, second by Holt to approve joining the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Lab Proposal for the remainder of this year and next year pending Finance Committee approval.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ALL AYES.**

Discussion on Salary Structure of Administrative Ranked Officers – Sheriff Meredith stated that there is a need to review the salary structure of administrative ranked officers. Meredith stated that there is no jump in the chain of command and lieutenants are making more than the chief deputy. Sheriff Meredith stated that the prior chief deputy was paid significantly more money. Meredith stated that he did not have the numbers with him, because he thought Daniels would have them to present. Vietti stated he felt it would be best to wait until the prior figures were available. Hartley stated that Linda Daniels sent her apologies for not being in attendance, but her grandson was born today, so she could not be here. Discussion took place regarding when the county Personnel Policies changed and did not allow exempt employees to collect overtime pay. Further discussion took place regarding employees of the highway department who receive an additional five hours of overtime based on their union contract. It was noted that those employees have been grandfathered in and newer employees do not receive that overtime. It was further noted that those employees are non-exempt and do work the additional five hours. Hartley stated that Daniels does have some ideas on how to address the situation which she did relay. Hartley stated that Daniels stated that you could take the highest paid deputy and add 5% or you can add an administrative stipend similar to what is done for other administrative ranked officers. Consensus of the Committee was to wait until Daniels could be present and prior numbers could be reviewed.

Raffle Licenses – N/A

The Committee reviewed the bills presented. *Motion by Weller, second by Holt to approve the bills.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.**

Motion by Holt, second by Arbogast to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL EYES.**
The meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m..

Alina Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist