

Sheriff's Update

November 12, 2019

10:07 a.m.

Present: Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Stamper, Commissioner Fund, County Manager Erik Martin, Sheriff Rob Snaza, Chief Bruce Kimsey, Chief Dusty Breen, Chief Chris Sweet, Undersheriff Wes Rethwill, Becky Butler

Guests: Ralph Mancini, Jared Wenzelburger

Recorder: Rieva Lester

Chief Breen discussed services staffing. He said firearms transfers have increased dramatically. He said there was an officer-involved shooting in Grays Harbor that has required Lewis County's response. Sheriff Snaza discussed response to officer-involved shootings as related to Initiative 940.

Chief Sweet said the jail has one support position open. He discussed the prescription Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) program. He said the jail population is at 248. Undersheriff Rethwill noted that the number reflects the local population. Sheriff Snaza said his office is looking at ways to deal with mental health issues that are coming across his desk.

Chief Kimsey gave an update on operations, including staffing.

Sheriff Snaza said there used to be a corrections deputy-led litter crew years ago. He said there is no staffing available to spearhead that type of project today.

The group discussed volunteers and paid individuals who provide litter cleanup services.

Commissioner Fund and Chief Sweet noted that today's inmates likely would not be good candidates for serving on a litter crew and would not meet the criteria for serving on litter crews.

Jared Wenzelburger left at 10:20 a.m.

Sheriff Snaza said there are some inmates who perform lawn care, etc.

Undersheriff Wethrill said he was asked to expand on budget requests for two corrections deputies and a jail transport vehicle.

Undersheriff Wethrill said the Sheriff's Office is requesting a converted van into which a cage would be inserted, which would cut down on miles on the larger-size van.

Sheriff Snaza noted that the Sheriff's Office had two transport vehicles and sold one. He said he is looking for a conversion "Sprinter"-style van that would cut down on wear and tear on the large van.

Chief Sweet noted that the E450 van currently in use has 150,000-ish miles and has had more maintenance needs lately.

Sheriff Snaza said the new van would be able to transport eight to 10 inmates.

Commissioner Stamper asked if the county can buy a used one. Undersheriff Wethrill said there have been none available over the past two years or so.

Sheriff Snaza estimated the total cost at very roughly \$70,000, noting that the van would follow the regular bid request process.

Undersheriff Wethrill said the Sheriff's Office also is ordering six new vehicles for 2020. He said the new van would be set up as an ER & R account.

Chief Sweet discussed the request for two new correction deputies. He said the additional hires would be used to cover the hours to operate the second control tower, which manages the single-cell jail population, which is considered a higher risk than the other jail population. Chief Sweet said the single-cell inmates have 23 hours in with one hour out, whereas the additional staffing would allow for two hours out in a 24-hour period. Chief Sweet said the move would be needed as part of its accreditation process. He said the national standard calling for the two hours out in a 24-hour period will become a national requirement.

Sheriff Snaza reiterated that the two hours out rule will become law.

Chief Sweet said he would like to have future discussions about increasing staffing and making jail revisions be able to handle jail population in excess of 250 inmates.

Commissioner Fund requested a copy of the Disabilities Washington report about the requirements for time "out."

Sheriff Snaza said he would like to explore having the county adopt an ordinance that would make harassment of 911 a gross misdemeanor. He said he is working with the PA's Office to draft the language.

The group discussed recent and upcoming events, including: WDFW Emphasis, Mossyrock High School Job Fair, Onalaska Alliance Dinner, Winlock American Legion Law & Order Appreciation Night, Vader LE Contract, Annual Nationwide DV Warrant Sweep, I-1639/Firearms Safety Training, WASPC Firearms System Replacement Project Focus Group, WASPC Fall Conference – Chelan, Coffee With Cops – Chehalis/Napavine, Annual Shop w/Cop, Hosted CJTC FTO & WSP ARIDE Classes, Contract Negotiations – Corrections Sergeants/Deputies & Services, etc.).

The group agreed to cancel the December update.

Meeting ended at 11:02 a.m.



Lewis County Sheriff's Office

Board of County Commissioners
Update 11/12/19

Agenda

I. Bureau Updates: Chief Deputy Dusty Breen // Chris Sweet // Bruce Kimsey

- a. Staffing // Employee Updates
- b. Projects // Events/Misc.

- 2 SERIES OF POSSES - (1) JAIL SUE
 - 1 JAIL VACANCY, BUT 1 IN BACKLOG
 - MAT PROBLEM IN JAIL IS GETTING
 RESOLVED
 - 1 OF VACANCY, BUT 1 IN FINAL PHASE
 (LATERAL)

II. Sheriff Updates: Sheriff Robert R. Snaza

CATCHER IS
 REQUIRED
 REVIEWED DETAILS
 OF BUDGET
 REQUESTS
 ABUSE / MISUSE OF 911
 SYSTEM -
 WORKING ON A DRAFT
 WITH PERS. OFFICE

- a. 'Litter Crew' discussion - Commissioner Fund
- b. 2020 Budget discussion - Jail Transport Vehicle/Correction Deputies
- c. County Ordinance discussion - 'Harassing 911'
- d. Events - (WDFW Emphasis, Mossyrock HS Job Fair, Onalaska Alliance Dinner, Winlock American Legion Law & Order Appreciation Night, Vader LE Contract, Annual Nationwide DV Warrant Sweep, I-1639/Firearms Safety Training, WASPC Firearms System Replacement Project Focus Group, WASPC Fall Conference - Chelan, Coffee With Cops - Chehalis/Napavine, Annual Shop w/Cop, Hosted CJTC FTO & WSP ARIDE Classes, Contract Negotiations - Corrections Sergeants/Deputies & Services, etc.)

Start Time: 10:00

End Time: 11:00

Attendees:

- ✓ Commissioner Fund
- ✓ Commissioner Jackson
- ✓ Commissioner Stamper
- ✓ Chief Deputy Kimsey
- ✓ Captain Spahn
- ✓ Sheriff Snaza
- ✓ Undersheriff Rethwill
- ✓ Chief Deputy Breen
- ✓ Chief Deputy Sweet
- ✓ Captain Tawes
- ✓ County Manager
- ✓ Clerk of Board
- Other - ~~MEMA~~
DUSTY BREEN

TRAFFIC POLICING - ROAD FUNDING FOR YEAR 2020

- Sheriff's Office submitted preliminary budget for Traffic Policing increased by \$127,024.
- The total Sheriff Traffic budget for ten deputies and associated costs are submitted at \$1,564,508.00
- The Road Fund submitted a proposed budget of \$1,448,831 for support of the Sheriff Traffic program
- A difference of \$115,677
- The BOCC advised the Sheriff of their concerns regarding commercial vehicle enforcement and future plans to fill the commercial vehicle officer (CVO) position in a memo sent on 09/23/2019

The Sheriff, Public Works Director and County Manager met and discussed options for addressing the concerns of the BOCC and County Engineer regarding commercial vehicle enforcement on county roads and ongoing enforcement. Based on these discussions, options for funding of the ten deputies, which includes a CVO are below:

- 1- Road Fund support of the full amount of \$1,564,508 plus the added cost of a vehicle, equipment (scales and radar) and ongoing annual costs for the CVO as needed to meet the requested support by the County Engineer and BOCC. The estimate is an additional \$45,000, bringing the total from the Road Fund to \$1,609,508

Road Fund \$1,609,508
General Fund \$0

- 2- Reduce funding from the Road Fund to \$1,448,831 and supplement the Traffic program as well as the increase CVO costs of \$45,000 with General Fund tax dollars.

Road Fund \$1,448,831
General Fund \$160,677

- 3- Increase Road Fund support by \$45,000 to cover the CVO costs. The General Fund would offset the remaining increase with General Fund tax dollars.

Road Fund \$1,493,831
General Fund \$115,677