**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

October 6th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M. by Chairperson Bryan Snavely. Committee members attending were Justices Ralph Guynn, Glenn Redding, and Jim Harp. Also attending were Justices James Widner, Jim Milum, Rodney Sullins, and Fred Woehl.

Chairperson Snavely gave an update on the Jail Addition. He said that he expects it to be finished by the end of this month. He mentioned there have been a few ‘hiccups’ regarding the video cameras not being included in the original bid. However, he said there has been less than 1% of change orders during this entire process.

Chairperson Snavely also added that the Court had appropriated money for the Architect’s travel and that there will definitely be money left over. He continued by stating that the Jail needs mattresses, pillows, and blankets for the additional beds they will have.

Angie Trammell was introduced and a handout of extra costs for the Jail Addition supplies was given to the Court. Sheriff Roberson explained this was the best guess they could give on the cost of what they will need. Sheriff Tim Roberson mentioned that they will be asking for some extra employees to be trained and work the new addition. Justice Redding asked if they could provide a report of how many extra employees they will need to work in this new addition.

Justice Sullins asked if the new employees are actually needed as of now since COVID-19 as impacted the numbers of those currently incarcerated. The Sheriff mentioned they have had a hard time isolating inmates because of COVID-19. They have considered making a ‘quarantine pod’ so that they can keep everyone safe and not become overwhelmed during this time.

Sheriff added that if he could hire even two employees and train them that it will help tremendously. Jason Day said that the two employees will give them an extra person on the floor. The Sheriff stated that he would like to have four new employees.

Justice Widner said that the concern is also for the inmate’s health and safety, and Justice Redding agreed.

The Sheriff spoke of the new computers which they will need at the Jail. They are fixing to have the new computer systems go into all of the vehicles and now they need to upgrade the Jail computer software so that they are compatible.

He also mentioned the rapid COVID-19 tests that cost less than $2,000.00. He said he is in line for them. This will assist any county employee who might need to be tested. Justice Harp asked the Sheriff to prepare a request of what all they will need for the next meeting.

Daniel Bolen, the 911 Director, and the Sheriff explained more about the central dispatch. They said all is going well. They are keeping HPD dispatchers at a different building because of COVID-19 concerns. The end result is to have all the dispatchers cross-trained to where they can all handle calls for 911, Sheriff’s Department, and Harrison Police Department.

Dismissed at 6:30 P.M.