

BREMER – WAVERLY PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD
111 TH Street N. E.
Waverly, Iowa 50677
Monday, February 10, 2003

PRESENT

ABSENT

GUESTS

Mr. Daryl Behnke

Mr. Dick Crayne

Mr. James Block

Mr. Gary Boorum

Mr. Gaylord Hinderaker

Mr. Fred Ribich

Chief Simpson

Sheriff Hildebrandt

Chairman Block called the meeting to order at 0905 on Monday, February 10, 2003.

The minutes of the January 2003 meeting were discussed for approval. It was pointed out by Mr. Behnke that the listing for those present did not include him, Secretary Hildebrandt noted that and stated that it was his oversight for him being missed. Mr. Hinderaker moved to approve the minutes with the above correction, 2nd by Mr. Ribich. All present voted aye; motion carried.

The Treasurers report was discussed and it lacked information and was not correct as presented by county auditors office. Treasurer Hildebrandt advised he would discuss this problem with Mr. Bauer and present the board with a copy of correct report via the mail.

Mr. Ribich moved to table the February 2003 treasurers report, 2nd by Mr. Behnke. All present voted aye; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Block reported to the board that the recent local option tax bond issue had passed. Sheriff Hildebrandt reported that he, Chief Simpson and Chairman Block had a phone conference with PCS and SFS at which time a time line had been tentatively presented with building to begin on July 28, 2003. Chairman Block advised the Board of Supervisors had met with John Burmeister about beginning the process of issuing bonds for this project. Chairman Block also advised the board that the Board of Supervisors had a phone conference with Mr. Bob Joesten, Bonding Attorney to begin the process of legal writing of a resolution to put in place for funding of this project. Mr. Block advised the board Mr. Joesten was waiting to hear back from this board on final plan for pay back of the bonds.

Chief Simpson reported to the board that he had been advised by City of Waverly officials that there may be water and sewer lines under 4th Street NE that may have to be relocated or owner take responsibility for them if they are left under the facility or parking lots. Chief Simpson advised the board that the city wanted to make it clear that it is the responsibility of the law board and felt that any move of the services should be part of the project cost. The board agreed with that suggestion. Chief Simpson advised that he had also been in contact with Mr. Williams about other utilities in the area namely the electric utilities in the alley southwest of the LEC and they

may want to do some changes in that service at the time of building. Chief Simpson advised it is his intent to stay in contact with city utilities.

Finalize plan/Space Allocation for project.

Mr. Boorum advised the board that the City of Waverly passed signing over 4th Street NE to the law board with the understanding that water and sewer will be moved or an agreement indicating we accept future responsibility for problems if not relocated. Mr. Ribich advised board that this measure has to go before public hearing but it is expected to pass.

Mr. Block presented the time line for moving forward with the building project. Mr. Boorum questioned if the board will or needs to pass a motion to approve the time schedule. No action taken.

Mr. Block advised that he expects in the future building 100% of the jail will be county responsibility and suggested that the remainder of the building be split 50/50 for future costs. This led to lengthy discussion on how the building will be allocated and how the costs will be allocated. Sheriff Hildebrandt suggested to the board that all space that is designated as unassigned should be assigned to either Waverly Police or Bremer Sheriff prior to the building being completed which would help now and especially in the future for determining costs of operation. This would especially be beneficial if the non jail portion of the building is split 50/50 in operational costs. Mr. Boorum did not feel that was acceptable because city tax payers already pay county taxes and therefore they should not have to pay twice. Sheriff Hildebrandt advised that all county tax payers including those from each city pay a county tax and that is for the operation of the sheriff's office and not this building. Sheriff stated that the only fair way to accomplish this split is as suggested by Mr. Block if the jail is separated out and paid 100% by the county.

Chief Simpson asked how the split is going to be handled until the building is complete. Chairman Block advised he thought it was to be 62% County and 38% City. Chief Simpson advised that his budget is already in and acted upon and he budgeted for the old rate of 70/30. Mr. Block advised that he knows this issue had been left up in the air and that is why it was tabled for this month.

Mr. Hinderaker advised that the record shows a vote was taken and passed changing to the 62/38 split in November of 2001 and this issue needs to get settled. Mr. Boorum stated the county took over wages for dispatchers but not utilities so he feels you can't point the finger to the city for not living up to their end of the agreement and that he is offended by the accusation.

Mr. Simpson advised from the beginning the question was if both the city and county would need to act on this before it became policy. Mr. Ribich asked Mr. Crayne if this was to go into effect if the payment could come out of the sales tax measure that just passed. Mr. Crayne advised he felt it could not be used for operational costs.

After a lengthy discussion Mr. Crayne suggested we adopt a resolution to leave the split 70/30.

Mr. Boorum pointed out that according to the by-laws the Secretary/Treasurer was to blame for this problem because he did not fulfill his responsibility for sending quarterly assessment of

charges/needs to the city and therefore it is the cities position that they did nothing wrong. Sheriff Hildebrandt stated that as Secretary-Treasurer he did not send that to the city and to his knowledge that has never been done that in fact both the city and the county have always paid their commitment from the annual budget submitted. Chief Simpson confirmed that he also has always gone from the annual submitted budget.

Mr. Ribich moved to appeal the motion of November 9, 2001 and go back to the 70/30 split until the new building is completed and new allocations of costs are determined. Mr. Behnke 2nd the motion.

In discussion Mr. Hinderaker stated he is not comfortable with this action asking if every time a motion comes up we are unhappy with, is that how we are going to handle it in the future? Mr. Boorum said he feels the county is to blame since they didn't send anything out and they have also been paying 70%. Mr. Boorum states he is not trying to place blame but we need to get it settled and move forward. Mr. Simpson again said the problem he has is the budget is already set. Mr. Crayne stated Mr. Ribich's motion takes that into account. Mr. Block stated he thought it was tabled last month so this would change in July of 2003. Mr. Hinderaker called the question.

Vote was 4 people voted aye with Mr. Hinderaker voting nay; motion carried.

Sheriff Hildebrandt asked for clarification on how dispatcher expenses are to be handled. Mr. Ribich stated it should be looked at as the same as utilities and therefore charges billed to the law board.

NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Hildebrandt advised he was withdrawing his request for consideration of a new printer for dispatch since it is felt at least part of the problems we are experiencing are related to software issues.

A list of monthly bills were submitted for approval. Mr. Boorum moved to approve, 2nd by Mr. Behnke. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Chairman Block set next months meeting for Monday, March 10, 2003 at 0900.

Mr. Hinderaker moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mr. Ribich. Carried.

Respectfully,

Dewey L. Hildebrandt
Secretary - Treasurer