

# **BREMER-WAVERLY PUBLIC SAFETY BOARD**

**111 4<sup>th</sup> Street N. E.**

**Waverly, Iowa 50677**

**Wednesday, November 9 2005**

## **PRESENT**

Mr. Daryl Behnke  
Mr. Gary Boorum  
Mr. Gaylord Hinderaker  
Mr. Steve Reuter  
Mr. Fred Ribich  
Sheriff Hildebrandt  
Chief Simpson

## **ABSENT**

## **GUESTS**

Richard Crayne  
Ken Kammeyer  
Richard Purcell

Chairman Gaylord Hinderaker called the meeting to order at 0902 on Wednesday, November 9, 2005. Chairman Hinderaker welcomed Richard Purcell as the newly appointed Chief of Police for Waverly.

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed. Mr. Boorum moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Behnke. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Sheriff Hildebrandt presented the treasurers report. Mr. Reuter moved to approve as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ribich. All present voted aye; motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Sheriff Hildebrandt gave the board an update on the construction progress with the roof nearing completion and the brick to be laid in place this week. Sheriff advised further that sod has also been placed where appropriate to do so at this time. Chief Simpson advised the board that the plantings will be held over until spring for planting due to the time of year. Sheriff Hildebrandt advised that he and Chief Simpson were forced to make a building choice concerning the placement of the new flag pole and the route of the sidewalk north from the police department entry. The flag pole was in the plans to go on the northeast corner of the building but it seems much more logical to place it between the two entries and behind the signage so that change was granted. The sidewalk was to follow on a straight line which would likely not be used so it was determined to follow the parking lot. Sheriff Hildebrandt reported numerous concerns relative to the water supply to the building. We have had numerous issues with new plumbing and stainless fixtures and have been told by more than one vendor that we really need to consider putting in a softening system. Andy's Plumbing predicts that we will have leaks in the copper within five years if we do not soften the water. Board discussed and Chairman Hinderaker advised to let the record show that the board requests the Sheriff to look into some quotes on softening system bids for the new facility. Sheriff Hildebrandt gave the

board an update on the jail, 39 inmates has been the top number to date with an average in the mid twenties. Sheriff Hildebrandt advised we are generating a sizeable amount of revenue from renting out bed space as well. Mr. Reuter commented this is good to know as he and the rest of the BOS have had numerous questions about how the new jail is working out.

Sheriff Hildebrandt presented the updated By – Laws as directed by the Board at the October meeting reflecting the changes approved by the Board. Board reviewed as printed and suggest additional changes to wit: Article II Section 7 changing the percentages to read 73% Bremer County and 27% City of Waverly and adding a sentence to reference these changes to a previous agreement allocating operational expenses to square footage allocations. Article III Section 1 to split the responsibility of everyday maintenance between the Chief and Sheriff; Section 2 to split the salary and benefits of the custodian to 50/50 as opposed to 70/30; Section 5 to read employees rather than men; Article V, Section 2 to again reflect the 73/27 split. Mr. Crayne also requested a copy of the old By – Laws with strikethroughs showing changes made by these new by laws.

Campus signage discussion was led by Chief Simpson and Chairman Hinderaker. Chairman Hinderaker advised the board that the letters would be 6” tall and black in color and mounted under the lights on the south side of the jail and will read, Bremer – Waverly Law Enforcement Center. Chief Simpson advised that there will be additional signage between the two entrances as well with the same lettering style but indicating the police department and sheriff’s office. Mr. Ribich asked if the signs between entries will be lit.

Sheriff Hildebrandt presented the board with documentation and rational for creating a new position that would be a split of duties between evidence management and technology management for the law center. (See document included in minutes) The board discusses this proposal and asked additional input from Chief Simpson, Richard Purcell and Sheriff Hildebrandt. Chief Simpson advised the board that in many ways we have been fortunate in the handling of evidence and certainly with the new building many changes and improvement need to take place. Mr. Purcell indicated he agrees with the proposal and because of coming from the investigations position he recognizes the time it takes to manage the amount of evidence that both agencies generate. Most of the discussion centered around the evidence processing and after a lengthy discussion the board asked for this to be included in the budget and a decision will be made at the December meeting. Mr. Crayne also asked what other similar sized counties/cities are doing with the evidence process and asked that we look into that. Sheriff Hildebrandt also presented the board with detail of the computer technology used in law enforcement as well as a prediction to the future. Board concurred that technology has certainly evolved and suggested that perhaps we could look at contracting outside sources to handle these needs and perhaps the evidence processor as well could be contracted out. Sheriff Hildebrandt and Chief Simpson and Mr. Purcell all agreed that it could be but, it is not felt that is the best way to solve these problems because then you could not assure the presence of the person when needed.

## NEW BUSINESS

Sheriff Hildebrandt asked the board for their input on their desires for an open house celebration for the law center part of the facility. Mr. Boorum suggested it is a good idea but that a date should not be set until we have a solid completion date. Mr. Crayne advised that we should look at requesting the assistance of outside citizen committees to put together the open house. Mr. Crayne suggested the newspapers, other advertisers and Kelly Vowels of Waverly Light and Power would be a good start for marketing the open house. Mr. Crayne suggested having some give away items with the LEC logo on it and to invite some dignitaries like congressmen or senators to attend a ceremony. Sheriff Hildebrandt and Mr. Purcell will begin working on this soon.

There was no citizen input.

A list of monthly bills was presented by Treasurer Hildebrandt. Mr. Boorum moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Ribich. All present voted aye; motion carried.

Chairman Hinderaker set the next meeting for Monday, December 5, 2005 at 0900 at the meeting room in the court house.

Mr. Ribich moved to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mr. Behnke. Carried

Respectfully,

Dewey L. Hildebrandt  
Secretary-Treasurer