

# PUBLIC NOTICE

Ida County Sheriff

## MINUTES

### Ida County Public Safety & Communications Commission 18 May 2021

Ida County Courthouse,  
Ida Grove Iowa

The May meeting of the Ida County Public Safety & Communications Commission was called to order by Supervisor Rhett Leonard at 6:28 p.m. with the following members present:

Supervisors Rhett Leonard, Ray Drey, and Creston Schubert. Mayors Lloyd Holmes, Devlun Whiteing, Gary Chase, and Kathy Breyfogle. Also in attendance were Sheriff Wade Harriman and Rebecca Schmidt from the Ida County Sheriff's Office, Deb Loger from the Ida County Courier, and City Clerks Theresa Pudenz (Holstein) and Anita Brandt (Galva).

Mayor Lloyd Holmes made motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mayor Kathy Breyfogle. Motion carried with all ayes.

Supervisor Creston Schubert made motion to approve the minutes from the April 2021 meeting. Seconded by Mayor Lloyd Holmes. Motion carried with all ayes.

Sheriff Wade Harriman gave a report on the events that had happened in his office during April 2021. He stated that deputies logged 817 hours on patrol in Ida County. There were 603 calls for service during the month, deputies made 15 arrests, booked in 14 inmates, and issued a total of 44 citations. 68 civil processes were served.

The sheriff highlighted 5 of the arrests in April, stating that, on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, deputies arrested an Ida Grove man on a charges of eluding and interference with official acts after an incident in Ida Grove; on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, a juvenile was arrested following an incident in rural Ida County of charges of intimidation with a dangerous weapon and domestic abuse assault; and on April 14<sup>th</sup>, there was an arrest of a Denison man on charges of eluding, possession of meth and several traffic related offenses and violation of parole. He was subsequently transported back to prison.

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, deputies arrested a Kiron man on charges of burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree following an incident that took place in rural Ida County, and, on April 24<sup>th</sup>, a Holstein man was arrested on a parole

violation warrant from the State of Nebraska.

Under communications, Sheriff Harriman said that the console changeover project is currently taking place, and that all patrol cars currently used and on the road have the new radios installed. This greatly enhances the ability to communicate and being on the statewide system in a step in the right direction for interoperability purposes.

In the jail, the sheriff spoke about an incident involving an inmate transported to Horn Memorial on May 3<sup>rd</sup> that resulted in staples to close a self-inflicted gash on his head.

Under personnel, Sheriff Harriman said that jailer Jacob Blackman has resigned his full-time jailer position effective May 31<sup>st</sup>. He was hired on January 4<sup>th</sup> and that the office is currently going through applications that were received during that hiring process to see if any of those applicants are still interested. He stated that he wanted to fill the position as soon as possible. He also said that there were to be upcoming training in accident investigation and in defensive tactics for deputies.

In unfinished business, the commission continued their discussion of the 28E agreement. Sheriff Harriman stated that he would like to come up with an agreement at this meeting, or at least specifically get the percentages to be paid effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, through June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2027. He said that he would like each public entity to then take those along with the proposed contract back to their respective governing bodies for consideration.

He said that he believes that the new 28E agreement addresses many issues that the current contract fails to address, and that he would like to have the new 28E agreement ratified by the August meeting.

Ultimately, it was decided that the county would take responsibility for paying for the jail and remain at their 43% contribution to unified law and keep the \$55,000 of annual anticipated revenue, the City of Ida Grove would contribute 27.85% of unified law, the City of Holstein would contribute 16.85%, the City of Battle Creek would contribute 7%, the City of Galva would contribute 3.3%, and the City of

Arthur would contribute 2%.

Mayor Devlun Whiteing motioned that the proposed percentages pass, with all public entities consulting their auditors and respective attorneys about the legality of the county keeping the entire anticipated annual revenue and, if that is not an option, to go by their recommendation. Motion seconded by Supervisor Creston Schubert. Motion passes with all ayes.

In new business, the sheriff said that Ridge View and OABCIG are willing to each put up \$25,000 per school to being a school resource officer in the fall of 2021. That would give the commission \$50,000 of the annual cost of the deputy sheriff position it was going to hire on or about January 2022. Sheriff Harriman stated that he would assign a current deputy to the school resource officer position and that deputy would work exclusively in the schools during the school year. He would then be re-assigned to regular patrol duties in the summer months. The new deputy would be assigned to general patrol duties. The school resource officer would be responsible for education on social media and cyber safety, and sex trafficking and sexting.

He would also develop plans for school safety and emergency planning for each school building in Ida County, preventing school violence, teaching alcohol and drug awareness programs, building positive relationships with school administration, staff, and students ensuring visible law enforcement presence at school-related functions, and assist the school in any other manner as deemed necessary by the school or the Sheriff.

The Sheriff said that the person assigned to this role will attend a school resource officer training course and attain certifications through the National Association of School Resource Officers as soon as practical.

Next meeting is set for July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Holstein.

Motion to adjourn made by Devlun Whiteing, seconded by Supervisor Creston Schubert. Motion carries with all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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