

**RUGBY CITY COUNCIL
LEC COMMITTEE MEETING WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012 - 7 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Committee Members present: City Councilmen Hoffert, Geiszler, and Jacobson; County Commissioners Bohl, Christianson, Johnston, and Migler. Also present were States Attorney Mack, County Auditor Fursather, Sheriff Lunde, and City Auditor Hauck.

Councilman Jacobson called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Councilman Jacobson discussed a document containing the dispatch duties that was given to him earlier that day by Commissioner Migler. Jacobson stated that he didn't think the majority of the duties listed pertained to work done for the City.

Jacobson opened the floor for a friendly discussion.

Councilman Jacobson stated that possibly the dispatch personnel were doing work for other entities and wondered who should be paying the dispatch costs for the work done. Jacobson went on to say that the citizens of Rugby are paying for approximately 25% of the dispatch costs through Pierce County taxes, so the 50/50 split of dispatch costs, proposed by the county, is not fair and equitable for the taxpayers in the City of Rugby.

Commissioners Migler and Bohl suggested that the City possibly having their own dispatch. The City may have to look into this.

Councilman Geiszler asked Sheriff Lunde how much of the dispatcher's time is used doing work for the City. Sheriff Lunde estimated roughly 60-70% of dispatcher time is used for City work. Councilman Jacobson discussed that many of the items on the dispatch list of duties were things that are related to prisoners going to district court and should be the County's responsibility. A lengthy discussion followed.

Commissioner Migler stated the County's proposal is to split the dispatch costs 50/50 with the City and the City would also pay for inmate housing costs and medical costs. Councilman Jacobson stated that the City cannot accept that proposal.

County Auditor Fursather handed out information regarding dispatch costs and the reimbursements received from telephone companies for 911 service.

Discussion was held on the proper ratio of reimbursement of the 911 revenue. Councilman Geiszler requested a split out of the 911 service fees received by the County into fees paid by the citizens of Rugby and fees paid by the rest of the County. It may be difficult to get those numbers but County Auditor Fursather will look into it.

Commissioner Bohl stated that he agrees the City should be getting credit for some of the 911 fees received by the County.

Discussion was held on the amount of dispatch costs paid by the citizens of Rugby through payment of County taxes.

Sheriff Lunde stated that he could break down the usage of the dispatcher's time to get a better estimate of how much time is spent on City work.

Councilman Christianson stated that rent at the LEC for the Rugby Police Officers has been forgiven for some time. Discussion followed.

An LEC Committee Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2012, at 7pm at City Hall.

Councilman Jacobson adjourned the meeting at 8:37pm.

Dawn Hauck, City Auditor

Date Submitted