Public Notice

City of Kent Department of Public Service Rules and Regulations

NOTICE OF RULE CHANGES Effective: January 1, 2009

CHAPTER 100 General Administrative and Customer Service

Summary: Utility bills will be sent to the property owner who shall be responsible for payment.

The following section of the Rules and Regulations have been revised:

CHAPTER 100 - General Administrative and Customer Service

101.02 APPLICATION AND CONTRACT FOR UTILITY SERVICE TURN ON

An application for water-sewer service of any of the aforementioned types, made in accordance with these Rules and Regulations, when accepted by the Department of Budget and Finance, shall constitute a contract. Service will be continuous so long as these Rules and Regulations are complied with, until termination is requested by the property owner, except as elsewhere herein specified for water only accounts.

Application for all types of utilities must be made at the Department of Budget and Finance on the forms provided, or in such other manner as specified by the Director of Budget and Finance and must be signed by the property owner. When requesting an application for a new water service tap and service line, all the specifications in Section 200 must be met.

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DATE

OWNER NAME MAILING ADDRESS CITY, STATE ZIP

Reference: Property Located at PROPERTY LOCATION ADDRESS

Dear OWNER NAME

This letter is being sent to inform you of changes in the Service Departments' Rules and Regulations regarding property owners' responsibility for payment of City utility bills. Previously tenants were permitted to have utility bills in the tenant's name. The revised regulation provides for only the property owner as responsible for utility bills.

The revised Service Department Rules and Regulation Section 101.02 will be effective January 1, 2009 at which time the City's Budget and Finance Department will be sending utility bills to the property owner of record as listed by the Portage County Auditor. The revised Rules and Regulations provide for the tenant or a property management company to receive a duplicate utility bill thus providing the property owner the ability to have a second party make payment for utilities. However, the property owner will be responsible for any outstanding unpaid utility bill.

The reason that the City is providing this information well in advance of the January 1, 2009 Rules and Regulation revision effective date is to allow property owners sufficient time to revise their leases and/or property management agreements as appropriate for their specific operations. The City recommends that what ever the arrangements elected by the property owner that they be in place prior to January 1, 2009 to minimize problems and prevent service interruption.

If I can be of any further assistance regarding this or any other matter please feel free to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Director

Attachment: Service Department Rules and Regulations Section 101.02 Effective Date January 1, 2009.

Cc: file

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101.03 DENIAL OF SERVICES BECAUSE OF DELINOUENCIES

An application for service from any person, firm, or corporation shall be denied as long as said person, firm, or corporation owes a delinquent bill for services performed or repairs made by the Division of Central Maintenance, including but not limited to water/sewer supply and service, disconnection of a service, hydrant repairs, meter repairs, service repairs and main repairs.

The Department of Budget and Finance shall transfer any delinguent bill for water, sewer, or surcharges from a closed account of a person's file, or corporation which remains delinquent for a period of thirty (30) days or more to an active account of said person, firm, or corporation if one exists. The Department of Budget and Finance shall transfer any manually prepared charges rendered to a person, firm, or corporation which remains delinquent for a period of thirty (30) days or more to an active account of said person, firm, or corporation if one exists. said bill remains unpaid for thirty (30) days or more from the date of transfer, the customer will be notified that the service will be terminated if payment is not received within ten (10) days of this notice.

TIME OF TENT

CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY

To: Mr. Bowling

Mr. Locke Chief Peach Mr. Roberts Chief Williams

c. Mr. Ruller

Subject: Agenda TE&S 2008-02

Scheduled meeting of May 9, 2008 at 9:30 AM

From: William Lillich

Items from February meeting

 Fairchild/Adrian intersection safety. The committee continued discussion on visibility issues at this intersection. This included a review of the dimensions and layout of the intersection, the data reporting the occurrence of crashes, and the potential for increased usage as the Stonewater Dr. extension is being built. Additional review will take place during the construction period.

Please note the recent letter from this neighborhood that is attached.

State/County road projects and detours

S.R. 59 Off road work has begun on the project to provide additional lanes from SR261 to Black Horse. The project will take place this summer, and will result in several weeks of detour due to road closing beginning May 19.

Additional items

- 1. Fairchild Bridge issues- Mr. Bowling
- 2. Discussion of temporary solutions to Crain Ave./Lake St safety issues; IE. Vehicles blocking intersection, red light violations, etc.
- 3. Fairchild Ave. traffic concerns- See attached
- 4. Traffic signal installation issues- Design and cost.

The Lakes at Franklin Mills Condominium Association Kent, OH 44240

Mr. William Lillich Director, Public Safety Department City of Kent 319 South Water Street Kent, OH 44240 April 30, 2008

Dear Director Lillich:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Lakes at Franklin Mills Condominium Association, of which I am President, and the Lakes at Franklin Mills Homeowners Association. We are concerned about a decision not to install a traffic signal at the corner of Stonewater/Adrian and Fairchild.

We understand that the city's plan to open Stonewater from State Route 59 to Fairchild is to occur on or about November 2008. According to information received from our Ward 2 Councilman, Jack Amrhein, the plan also calls for a new traffic signal at Stonewater and State Route 59. Installation of a signal at this location will likely aid in control of traffic on Route 59, and reduce the likelihood of accidents at the Stonewater/Route 59 intersection. However, we think that installation of a signal at this intersection may be "overkill" since there are already three signals along this section of Route 59 and the speed limit in this area is already set at 25 mph. We feel that the real need for a traffic signal is at the other end of Stonewater.

We strongly believe that installation of a traffic signal at the Stonewater/Adrian and Fairchild intersection is also necessary. We believe there are several important reasons that warrant installation of a traffic signal, which are listed below:

- There have been at least 3 traffic accidents at or near the Stonewater/Adrian and Fairchild intersection within a one-year period.
- The Stonewater/Adrian intersection is blind in both East and West directions when viewed from the Stonewater side. Making a left or right turn from Stonewater onto Fairchild is extremely hazardous.
- The City of Kent website lists the "Top 25 Intersection Accident Locations" and lists three Fairchild intersections that do not have traffic signals: Fairchild and Fieldstone (19), Stonewater/Adrian and Fairchild (22), and Fairchild and Majors (25).
- The increased traffic resulting from opening Stonewater to through traffic has the potential of an increased accident rate at the Stonewater/Adrian and Fairchild intersection.

We request that you reconsider this decision. Without some sort of traffic control, a serious injury or fatal accident at Stonewater and Fairchild is inevitable.

Please return any reply to 943 Edgewater Circle, Kent, OH 44240

We await your response,

John W. Ackerman

Président

Allan H. Henderson

Vice President

Ray Cummings

Treasurer

L. Brad Shotwell

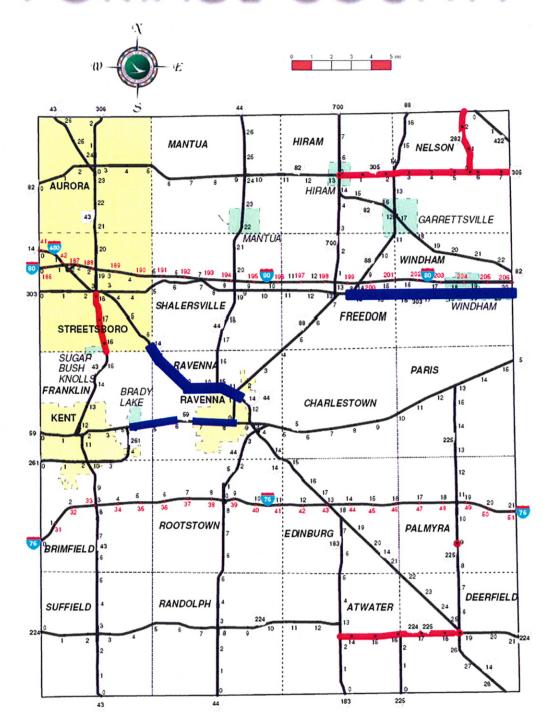
Secretary

cc:

Member-at-Large

James Sredinski (Lakes at Franklin Mills Master Homeowners Association)
Jack Amrhein (Ward 2 Councilman, City of Kent)
Tracy Reed (Aurora Property Management, Inc.)

PORTAGE COUNTY



Construction Costs:

Active: 7 Million Upcoming: \$4.9 Million

Total: \$11.9 Million

Portage County Active Projects

State Route 14

Cities of Ravenna and Streetsboro; Ravenna Township

PID: 25533

PROJECT: 08-0119

CONSTRUCTION COST: \$1.7 million

TOTAL COST: \$1.7 million START DATE: Spring 2008

COMPLETION DATE: September 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Rehabilitate SR 14 from the Streetsboro eastern corporation limit to the railroad bridge just east of SR 88 in Ravenna. Repairs will also be made to the Erie Railroad bridge on the project.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on SR 14 throughout construction.

State Route 59

Franklin & Ravenna Townships; City of Ravenna

PID: 25837

PROJECT: 08-0120

CONSTRUCTION COST: \$4 million

TOTAL COST: \$6.2 million START DATE: Spring 2008 COMPLETION DATE: July 2009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The resurfacing of SR 59 from SR 261 to Menough Road. The project also includes the widening SR 59 to add a dual left turn lane and improved shoulders from the railroad bridge to Menough Road.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction on SR 59, except for a 21 day period when SR 59 will be closed under the railroad bridge. Occasionally, traffic on SR 59 will be reduced to one lane of traffic with a flagger during non peak hours.

Portage County Active Projects

State Route 303

Windham Township

PID: 82677

PROJECT: 08-0131

CONSTRUCTION COST: \$800,000

TOTAL COST: \$800,000 START DATE: Spring 2008

COMPLETION DATE: September 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing of a small portion of SR 303 in Windham Township to the

Trumbull County line.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times throughout construction.

State Route 303

Windham & Freedom Township

PID: 82768

PROJECT: 08-0146

CONSTRUCTION COST: \$500,000

TOTAL COST: \$500,000 START DATE: Spring 2008 COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing of SR 303 from SR 88 to Horn Street.

West Branch State Park

Charleston Township

PID: 81758

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$200,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$200,000

AWARD DATE: April 2008 COMPLETION DATE: July 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing of various routes inside of the West Branch wildlife area.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times throughout construction.

State Route 14

City of Streetsboro

PID: 25534

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$600,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$600,000

AWARD DATE: October 2008 COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing of SR 14 from a quarter of a mile east of SR 303 to the eastern Streetsboro corporation limit. Project also includes repairs to a bridge on SR 14 over the Cuyahoga River.

State Route 14 & U.S. Route 225

Deerfield, Palmyra & Edinburg Townships

PID: 77521

PROJECT: 08-0269

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$500,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$600,000

AWARD DATE: April 2008 COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Replacement of two culverts on SR 14: one over Silver Creek and one over Willow Creek. The project also includes a culvert replacement on US 225 over Kale Creek.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A 21 day closure will be required for each culvert replacement. A detour will be posted. Access to all residences and establishments will be maintained throughout construction.

State Route 43

City of Streetsboro

PID: 76329

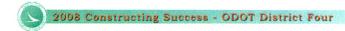
ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$500,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$500,000

AWARD DATE: October 2008

COMPLETION DATE: Summer 2009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing SR 43 from the Streetsboro southern corporation limit to one-half mile south of SR 303.



State Route 59

City of Ravenna

PID: 82821

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$700,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$700,000

AWARD DATE: May 2008 COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing of SR 59 from the Ravenna western corporation limit to SR 88.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained at all times throughout construction.

Interstate 76

Edinburg Township

PID: 81464

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$700,000

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$700,000

AWARD DATE: July 2008 COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing a two-mile stretch of I-76 between SR 14 and the Mahoning

County line.

MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC: A minimum of two lanes of traffic will be maintained in each direction during peak hours and a minimum of one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction during off peak hours.

U.S. Route 224

Atwater Township

PID: 77838

ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST: \$1.7 million

ESTIMATED TOTAL COST: \$1.8 million

AWARD DATE: June 2008

COMPLETION DATE: Fall 2008

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Resurfacing of US 224 from SR 183 to SR 14. The project also includes minor rehabilitation of a bridge over Willow Creek.



CITY OF KENT, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO:

Department Directors

FROM:

David A. Ruller, City Manager

Barbara A. Rissland, Director of Budget and Finance

DATE:

May 9, 2008

RE:

Preparation of 2009 Budget

Attached is the 2009 budget packet for your respective divisions and funds. The material is similar to previous budget years. The 2009 Request column on the budget worksheets (computer printouts) needs to be completed and returned to the Department of Budget and Finance by May 30, 2008.

The **capital outlay** and **new personnel** forms **must** be completed for all such requests. If you have created your own budget spreadsheets for the operational lines, then the other forms included with memorandum are optional. Any operation and maintenance budget worksheets should contain explanations.

Please note the following informational requirements:

PERSONAL SERVICES. . . All line items in this category will be estimated for the 2009 budget request by the Finance Department. Departments will be responsible for estimating the costs of any new positions requested. Please evaluate your overtime needs and provide the estimated required level of funding for 2009.

OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE LINES. . . The following line items will be prepared by the Finance Department:

- 31 Utilities
- 36 Insurance

CAPITAL OUTLAY. . . In addition to completing a capital outlay request form and preparing a priority list of 2009 capital outlay requests, you are asked to review and modify accordingly the capital needs list which was completed last year; including dollar values. Any additions or changes to years 2009 through 2012 of the previously approved August 2007 Update of the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan will require documentation discussing what has occurred to necessitate the change. It is anticipated that changes will be kept to a minimum. This information will be used to update equipment replacement needs and capital projects through the year 2013. Contact Suzanne Robertson if you need a copy of the Five Year Capital Improvement Program.

To aid in the preparation of the final budget document, please provide a brief description of the programs and/or operations provided by your budget division. Any new, expanded or reduced programs and/or operations should also be identified and indicate their impact, if any, on changes to personal services, operations or capital. Please know, however, that new staff positions and/or increased service levels will be extremely difficult to accommodate in the 2009 budget.

Any increases over 2% in the requested 2009 amount as compared to the current 2008 budget will need strong, valid documentation. (Vendor price increases, workload statistics, etc., should be used as documentation.) The Administration's position is to hold the operating budget to a 2% maximum increase. Should a 2% increase not be needed, please don't include it.

The City of Kent is being challenged by foreseeable austere financial conditions that will require prudent fiscal planning in the year ahead. We must collectively continue that process with the 2009 budget to avoid more drastic corrective measures later. Your attention to and cooperation with this request is very much appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact the Budget and Finance Director or myself.

Tentative Time Table for Tax Budget

Passage of 2009 Budget

November

May 7	Distribute 2009 Budget Request Forms to Department Directors
May 30	Return Budget Requests to Department of Budget and Finance
June 2 - 6	Data entry of budget information by Budget and Finance
June 22	Advertise Public Hearing and make Tax Budget available to public. (Make available to Council through Clerk)
July 2	Tax Budget Public Hearing and Council adopts Tax Budget (per Ohio Revised Code, must be done by July 15)
	All Five Year Capital Plan information to Budget and Finance
July 20	Submit Tax Budget to County Auditor
August	Five Year Capital Plan presented to Council
	City Manager and Budget and Finance Director to meet with respective department and division heads to discuss requests
October	Presentation to Council

Lorain mayor offers budget fixes

Christina Jolliffe | The Chronicle-Telegram May 12, 2008

LORAIN - What Council asked for was a revenue plan that would finally get the city out of the red.

What it got from Mayor Tony Krasienko this weekend was a revenue plan that would accomplish that - by increasing the city license plate fee and reducing the income tax credit for residents who work outside the city - and an expenditure plan.

Council members were still sifting through the 4-inch-thick, multi-binder proposal Sunday in preparation for today's Finance/Claims committee meeting.

"It's pretty far-reaching," Councilman Dan Given, D-at large, said. "There is a lot of information to digest."

And Given doesn't believe residents are going to be pleased with the proposed tax increases.

"They will be storming City Hall with pitchforks," he said, half-joking. "We attempted to try a license plate tax before for a lesser amount, and the public was upset. It's no secret the roads in Lorain are similar to a war-torn country. We know something needs to be done. But I'm sure residents will feel just as concerned about this plan, demanding answers."

Currently, the city collects \$5 for every license plate sold in Lorain. The proposed \$15 increase would bring in a total of \$20 for the city, which would generate a total of more than \$1 million a year to go toward road resurfacing.

Along with the license plate fee increase, Council will have to determine whether it wants to implement an income tax credit reduction, which would bring in an additional \$3 million per year to the city.

"The response to the license plate fee increase has been pretty positive, as long as the money is spent entirely on the roads," said Councilwoman Melanie Szabo, I-1st Ward. "Ninety-five percent of the people I spoke to are in favor of it."

But Friday afternoon was the first she had even heard of an income tax credit reduction.

"There aren't any jobs in Lorain to be had, so we're not getting income tax from them," she said. "I want to hear more about it. There has to be a discussion."

According to the "City of Lorain Investment Plan," the increase in taxes would eliminate the budget deficit and pay for additional city services, such as more employees in the building department, engineering department and parks and recreation department; and construction of a new fire station and a new utility complex.

While Given was still perusing the mammoth proposal Sunday and declined to say much, Szabo said she is in favor of some of the additions Krasienko proposed.

"The building department needs to be fully staffed, and the code needs to be fully enforced," Szabo said. "We're not going to attract anyone to live in this city when their neighbor's home looks like it's going to fall over. We have landlords who own property and don't care about their rentals. We have people living in deplorable conditions."

In addition to the proposed changes in the building department, Szabo would like to see the parks department enhanced and the east-side fire department moved, she said.

"We need the city of Lorain to have departments that are fully functional in order for the city to run," she said.

Councilwoman Anne Molnar, D-at large, agrees.

In fact, she's in favor of the entire plan - the tax increases and the expenditures for additional buildings, services and employees.

"It's a good plan," she said. "All of it is long overdue. The only way we're ever going to get ahead in this city is to increase taxes."

Molnar said she would oppose passing the plan as an emergency because it wouldn't allow for a referendum.

Councilman Dennis Flores, D-2nd Ward, said the plan will likely irk a number of residents, but something needs to be done to generate money for the city. He has questions about the proposal he hopes to get answered tonight.

He is in favor of doing whatever it takes to see the city's blighted areas cleaned up.

"I'm a little apprehensive (about the plan)," he said. "But on paper, it looks good."

Councilmen Tim Howard, D-3rd Ward, Eddie Edwards, D-5th Ward, and Greg Holcomb, D-6th Ward, were still going through the proposal as of Sunday night and declined to say much.

But Holcomb said people he has spoken to so far have had positive input about the license plate increase - as long as it gets the roads fixed.

Councilman Mitchell Fallis, D-at large, also was going through the documents, but said he was happy about anything that would get the city to a balanced budget. He also was in favor of funding for road resurfacing but wanted to get more information before commenting on the expenditures.

Krasienko, Councilmen Bret Schuster, D-4th Ward, and Mickey Silecky, D-7th Ward, did not return phone calls seeking comment.

Contact Christina Jolliffe at 329-7156 or cjolliffe@chroniclet.com

Recordpub.com

Streetsboro mayor proposes tax increase

May 8, 2008

An income tax proposal, which would represent a tax increase for some residents and a decrease for others, may be on the ballot in November if City Council agrees it's warranted.

To help provide additional personnel and equipment for the police, fire and service departments, Mayor Tom Wagner said he wants council to place two issues on the November ballot: a 1 percent income tax increase (bringing the rate to 2 percent) and a tax credit for the full income tax rate for residents who pay income tax to other cities. The proposal would net the city an increase of \$2.9 million a year.

If the proposals are approved, residents who work outside Streetsboro in a municipality where they pay 2 percent in income tax would not have to pay the additional 1 percent they currently pay to Streetsboro, said Finance Director Ted Gordon. Residents who live and work in Streetsboro would experience an increase in their tax rate, he said.

Streetsboro Tax Issues

5/9/2008 6:56:46 AM | Ryan Haidet

Members of Streetsboro City Council are looking at placing two issues on the November ballot that would increase the municipal income tax rate for some, and decrease it for others.

Mayor Tom Wagner tells the Record-Courier he wants Council to place two issues before voters, one to increase the income tax rate from one-percent to two-percent and the other to give a full income tax credit to residents who pay income tax to other cities.

Together, the proposals would raise an estimated \$2.9 million annually. Mayor Wagner says the additional funds would be used for improvements in the police, fire and service departments.

Written by Joe Jastrzemski; posted by Ryan Haidet.

On the Web: Record-Courier www.recordpub.com

Johnston loses police department

Trustees lay off 10 officers, accept chief's resignation; budget woes cited

By MARLY KOSINSKI / Tribune Chronicle POSTED: May 13, 2008

JOHNSTON — Citing budget constraints, trustees on Monday voted to permanently lay off all 10 of the township's part-time police officers. Trustees also accepted the resignations of part-time police Chief Robert Ludt and Sgt. Sean Bray, effectively shutting down the Police Department.

Ludt did not return a message seeking comment and Bray could not be reached Monday evening.

One officer at the meeting asked, "The official reason you're laying us off is for budget constraints?" to which trustees said yes.

Trustee Chairman Davis Denman said, "There's a lot of questions that need answered and we plan to answer them, but laying off the officers for the time being seems to be the most fiscally responsible thing to do until a levy is passed."

Trustees passed first reading of a resolution to place a 2-mill levy on the November ballot that would be earmarked for police protection. The levy would generate approximately \$67,000 annually.

Several residents expressed concern about increasing crime rates. That sentiment also was expressed in 2004 when representatives from 10 northern townships, including Johnston, discussed forming a joint police district to combat a rise in crime in the county's rural areas.

The idea never came to fruition.

Denman said trustees will explore their options to continue police coverage in the township once the levy passed. Until then, the township will rely on the sheriff's office.

"The decision will be up to the voters," Denman said,

He said there is no levy specifically for the Police Department, which is funded by the township's general fund. The department's budget last year was approximately \$44,000 and Clerk John Moran projected it to be \$47,000 this year if expenditures remained the same.

Moran said each officer was paid a monthly stipend of \$72.50, while Bray was paid \$180.25 per month and Ludt received \$425 a month. However, he said other expenses such as gas, cell phones, vehicle repairs and equipment maintenance ate up a large portion of the department's budget.

Moran said the township's annual budget is approximately \$1 million, with about half of that coming from ambulance billing and fire department grants. He said the general fund budget is \$300,000 and those funds are used for utilities, zoning, equipment and to supplement the various departments.

"Is it fair to the other departments that the police force uses up so much of the general fund money?" Denman asked.

Trustee Donald Barzak said, "At some point, the money runs out and in the meantime, the roads go to heck."

Trustee Dominic Marchese said trustees will consult with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation to see how to handle open investigations, evidence and pending court cases.

He said they will ask the sheriff's office how much it would cost to contract with them — similar to the arrangement in Mecca where a deputy is designated to patrol a particular area instead of simply answering 911 calls.