

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, April 28, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Ron Leino. Others present – Mark Liebaert, Stacey Minter, Michele Wick (remote), Amber Popplewell, Sharon Dembroski, Kelly Thimm, Dave Sletten, Tracy Ruppe, Jaime McMeekin, Dan Nichols, Tyler Edwards, Sheila Keup, Jerry Moe, Shelley Nelson, Chris Hoyt, Ben Crowson, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve minutes from February 24, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Updates and Reports:

Child Support: Dembroski reported one staff member on leave; e-files interface installation with circuit court systems delayed until May/June.

Circuit Court Branch I: Thimm reported heating/cooling system upgrades in progress; normal operations with jury trials and courts; Court Recorder done in July – in process of finding replacement.

Circuit Court Branch II: Not present.

Clerk of Courts: Wick reported recent warrant resolution day went very well; down one staff member.

Court Commissioner: Not present.

District Attorney: Nichols reported still one attorney vacancy; warrant resolution day very successful; National Crime Victim Right's Week this week.

Emergency Management: Sletten reported Adam Olson still helping with dispatch; updating responder map books, working on 5-year hazard mitigation plan upgrade; held H&HS shelter management training class; working with Corporation Counsel on statewide EM agreement; fire address signs ordinance review.

Communications Center: Sletten reported staffing issues continue, with 8 of 12 spots filled; recent wage increase attracting better candidates; attending Public Safety Conference with Dani Miller next week.

Medical Examiner: Keup reported business as usual.

Probate: McMeekin reported no updates.

Sheriff – Patrol Division: Moe reported several new hires starting over the next few months, resulting in department fully staffed; lost deputy to the military – may hire LTE.

Sheriff – Jail Division: Edwards reported purchasing a new restraint system, The Wrap by Safe Restraints, Inc., at cost of approximately \$3,800; down to seven staff members; brownout damaged several computer monitors; Corrections Officer Week starts next week; and transitioned to new medical company, Southern Health Partners.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Land Use Agreement (DC Forestry/EM): Sletten reported land use agreements were previously approved by Forestry and Public Safety Committee but agreements were not signed.

ACTION: Motion by Leino, second Lear, to approve Land Use Agreements as presented, extend additional ten years. Motion carried.

Capital Projects Requests:

EM//911: Reviewed – Items 1-4 (Item 5 not a priority at this time):

- 1) Antenna install at Solon Tower - \$7,000;
- 2) 911 funding for increased costs for phase 1 furniture upgrade - \$50,000;
- 3) Replacement of WISCOM radio repeaters - \$39,430; and
- 4) Mobile/portable radio upgrade - \$50,000.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve requests for items 1-4 as presented, and forward to Administrator and Joint Administration/Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department: Reviewed.

- 1) 14 portable radios - \$79,200;
- 2) Replacement of radio tower repeaters - \$169,650;
- 3) Four microwave tower links \$113,856; and
- 4) Equipment patrol vehicles \$67,877.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve requests as presented, and forward to Administrator and Joint Administration/Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Jail: Reviewed – two bids received.

- 1) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus - \$33,580-\$53,600; and

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve request for lower bid as presented, and forward to Administrator and Joint Administration/Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Jail: 2) 2nd Floor Project - \$207,760.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Leino, second Lear, to approve request as presented, and forward to Administrator and Joint Administration/Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Request from Jail to Increase Annual Training Budget by \$3,000 to Implement Additional Training Program: Minter provided background for training programming, noting 600 plus online correction based courses available. Officers need to complete or annual certification required. Discussion – great program, purchase and fund through regular budget (subscription service).

ACTION: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to deny request. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk