

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, February 22, 2018, 4:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Sam Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present - Rosemary Lear, Alan Jaques, Peter Clark, Sam Pomush. Absent – Marvin Finendale. Others present – Keith Kesler, Danielle Miller, Jon Webber, Darrell Witt, Rebecca Severson, Tom Dalbec, Kelly Thimm, Dan Corbin, Michele Wick, Dominic Woodhouse, Mark Fruehauf, Mark Liebaert, Rebecca Lovejoy, Tracy Ruppe, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Jaques, second Lear, to approve November 30, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Budget reports attached/reviewed for each department. **Child Support** – Budget overrun due to employee health insurance and decrease in revenues. **Circuit Court Branch I and Probate** – GAL / CHIPS attorney numbers increased. **Clerk of Courts** – Attorney fees increased ver last year; tax intercepts are in play; freezing bank accounts may help with collections; 10,000 cases processed in 2017. **Court Commissioner** – Budget overrun due to personnel costs and increase in some fees. **District Attorney** – Began charging Public Defenders and private attorneys for discovery; addition of 20 hour front desk clerk has been very helpful; filed over 100 more misdemeanors and felonies in 2017 over 2016; new Assistant DA Angela Wilson started today; state may add funding for 54 Assistant DA’s statewide – Douglas County potentially to receive 2 full-time positions in June/July. **Emergency Management and Communications Center** – Additional \$25,000 redistribution funds received; Miller appointed to state 911 committee and Kesler on radio committee. **Sheriff – Patrol Division** – Deputy interviews next week for 3 vacancies; **Jail Division** – Seven of ten vacancies now filled.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Rescind Ordinance #1.23 Fee for Sheriff’s Sale: No ordinance required per statute.

ACTION (ORDINANCE): Motion by Lear, second Jaques, to approve rescinding Ordinance #1.23 and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Establishing Sheriff’s Sale and Civil Process Fees for Sheriff’s Department: Attachments reviewed. Committee raised several questions regarding fee structure and actual costs.

ACTION: Motion by Lear, second Jaques, to refer Sheriff’s Department fees to March meeting with request for the following information: 1) Consider 2-tiered fee structure for internal and external application, if allowed; 2) Impact on county department budgets if 2-tier not allowed; 3) Cost analysis process for determining actual processing cost; and 4) Current private processor fees. Motion carried.

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski
Committee Clerk