PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Douglas County Board of Supervisors  
Thursday, February 27, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse  
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin  

Meeting called to order by Chair Sam Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present - Peter Clark, Ron Leino, Michael Raunio, Sam Pomush. Absent – Rosemary Lear. Others present – Mark Liebaert, Kelly Thimm, Darrell Witt, Dave Sletten, Becky Severson, Mark Fruehauf, Ann Doucette, Michele Wick, Tracy Ruppe, Jerry Moe, Tyler Edwards, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Leino, second Clark, to approve November 27, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Child Support – Training new staff; short one staff. Circuit Court Branch I – Governor signed bill for 12 additional judges; Douglas County numbers not high enough to qualify; retail theft mandatory sentencing legislation is on docket. Clerk of Courts - State collected $656,000 for Douglas County; county collected $52,143; department short one staff. District Attorney – Armed robbery case concluded; caseload consistent with last year; Peter Kruger is new Assistant District Attorney; D.A.’s office fully staffed. Emergency Management – New grant cycle underway; two upcoming emergency management conferences (Duluth and Wisconsin Emergency Management Association); Sletten Vice President of WEMA. Communications Center – Lead Dispatcher position filled; short two staff; cell tower leases negotiations underway. Medical Examiner – Cases consistent with 2018-2019 YTD. Sheriff – Patrol Division – New ADA compliant website online; two upcoming retirements – Dittbrenner and Hoyt. Sheriff – Jail Division – Lieutenant interviews completed; new door system estimate is $300,000; phone/video system installation begins next week and operational end of March; Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) ready.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:  
Budgetary Transfers: Probate to record state reimbursement and legal fee expenses; Sheriff to record additional revenue to fund jail camera system. Attached/reviewed.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Clark, second Raunio, to approve Probate budgetary transfers as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

ACTION (RFERRAL): Motion by Clark, second Raunio, to approve Sheriff budgetary transfer as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

From County Board - Racine County resolution relating to legislation on expungement of criminal and civil records and District Attorney Fruehauf opinion on resolution. More information needed.

ACTION: Motion by Leino, second Clark, to table the resolution. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Clark, second Raunio, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned 4:33 p.m.

Submitted by  
Pamela A. Tafelski, Committee Clerk