

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
Thursday, April 27, 2023, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center  
1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, WI 54880

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Present – Sam Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Bill Fennessey, Ron Leino. Absent – Richard Staube. Others present – Matt Izzard, Jerry Moe, Tracy Ruppe (remote), Dave Sletten, Michele Wick, Daniel Nichols, Sharon Dembroski, Amber Popplewell, Mark Liebaert, Stacey Minter, Tyler Edwards, Shelley Nelson, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve minutes from March 30, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

**3. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

The following departments reported on departmental activities: Child Support, Circuit Court Branch I, Circuit Branch II, Clerk of Courts, Court Commissioner, District Attorney, Emergency Management, Communications Center, Sheriff – Patrol Division, Sheriff – Jail Division.

**4. ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS**

- a. Resolution from Washington County requesting the State of Wisconsin to review and revise the compensation rate for State Public Defenders:** Included w/agenda.

**ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to support resolution and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Capital Improvement/ARPA Project Requests:**

- 1. Emergency Management:** Requesting approval of project requests 1 (tower site/facility cameras; 2 (Emergency Management vehicle replacement); 3 (funds for dual band portable radios). Project 1 request reduced to \$40,000.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve capital improvement project requests #1, #2, and #3 as presented, and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

- 2. Jail:** Phase 2 and phase 3 camera system upgrades requested. If completed together, installation cost reduced; can utilize funds set aside in 2022 toward project.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve request as presented for completion of both phases 2 and 3 and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried. Updated figures to be provided reflecting discount and previous fund balance to be applied from 2022.

- 3. Sheriff:** Requests total \$433,640. 1) Replacement of special response team body armor ballistic protective plates; 2) Replacement of special response team gas/chemical irritant masks and filters; 3) Partial payment for additional squad; and 4) Replacement of armored rescue vehicle – Lenco Bearcat.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve all four requests totaling \$433,640 as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

## **5. INFORMATIONAL/REPORTS**

- a. **2023 Wisconsin Act 4:** Reviewed.
- b. **Total CAD calls received by nature of call:** Reviewed.

## **6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Fennessey, second Lear, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk