

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, July 25, 2019, 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, Peter Clark, Ron Leino, Michael Raunio, Sam Pomush. Others present – Tyler Edwards, Jerry Moe, Linda Corbin, Dave Sletten, Kelly Thimm, Michele Wick, Mark Fruehauf, Dani Miller, Rebecca Severin, Darrell Witt, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve April 25, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**UPDATES AND REPORTS:** Budget reports attached/reviewed.

**Circuit Court Branch I / Probate / Court Commissioner / Circuit Court Branch II** – State budget increased payments to private bar attorneys to match public defenders rate; personnel change in Court Commissioner’s office; Probate reimbursements report received; Judge Thimm and Glonek assigned to some Ashland County cases due to death of Judge Madden; courtrooms sound systems cost estimates, not including videoteleconferencing, reflect the capital project may be completed end of 2019 (estimates \$20,000 to \$24,000). **Clerk of Courts** – Filling two vacant positions - still 1 position short; State Debt Collections \$442,402 through June (\$81,231 2018 YTD); collections divided between state, city, county and any local municipalities for which the county collects; 2018 city received \$172,000 and 2019 thus far city received \$134,000. **District Attorney** – State biennial budget authorizing 65 new ADA positions statewide – Madison informed Douglas County that 5.5 of those positions were to be allocated immediately and Douglas County received 0.5 ADA. This means Douglas County now will have 3 full-time ADAs upgrading the 0.6 and 0.9 to full-time. The 50 remaining positions will be allocated as requests are submitted by DAs throughout the state. **Emergency Management / Communications Center** – Dave Sletten introduced himself and summarized the EM/CC positions since Kesler retired. Working on Emergency Management Performance Grant and Community Right-to-Know grant; toured Town of Gordon recent tornado damage. Miller reported on implementation of new 911 system and Communication Center staff. **Medical Examiner** – Activities data reviewed; HR and Administration working on employment status question regarding ME deputies and on-call pay. **Sheriff – Patrol Division** – Two vacancies to fill; interviews in 3 to 4 weeks. **Sheriff – Jail Division** – Staffing issues continue; hired 3 jailers to start next week; leaves 1 position to fill that needs to be female. **Child Support** – Short staffing.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

**From Civil Service Commission – Amendment to Ordinance #2.0, Civil Service Commission:** Corporation Counsel recommended the amendment, but it is not required. Purpose of the amendment was not clear to committee members.

**ACTION:** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to refer to next meeting and request clarification from Corporation Counsel on the need for the changes. Motion carried.

**Budgetary Transfers:** Attached/reviewed.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Emergency Management budgetary transfer as presented. Motion carried.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Ordinance #2.0 amendment.

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

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski  
Committee Clerk