

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, September 6, 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, Peter Clark, Michael Raunio, Sam Pomush. Absent – Ron Leino. Others present – Shelley Nelson (Telegram), Jerry Moe, Darrell Witt, Rebecca Lovejoy, Kelly Thimm, Keith Kesler, Mark Fruehauf, Becky Severson, Mark Liebaert, Tracy Ruppe, Michele Wick, Ann Doucette, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve March 29, 2018, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

**2019 BUDGET PROPOSALS:** Departmental budgets attached. Indirect cost increases noted.

**Child Support:** \$21,762 from fund balance; 0% levy increase.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve Child Support budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Circuit Court Branch I:** 1.01% levy increase; net cost \$66,645.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Circuit Court Branch I budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Circuit Court Branch II:** 1.78% levy increase; net cost \$83,758.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Circuit Court Branch II budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Clerk of Courts:** 7.70% levy increase; net cost \$234,824. Husky lawsuit may impact budget.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve Clerk of Courts budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Court Commissioner:** 1.77% levy increase; net cost \$94,759.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Court Commissioner budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**District Attorney:** 9.82% levy increase; net cost \$352,195.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve District Attorney budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Emergency Management:** .04% levy decrease; net cost \$380,854.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Emergency Management budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Communications Center:** .10% levy decrease; net cost \$1,061,283.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve Communications Center budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Medical Examiner:** 4.35% levy increase; net cost \$103,375.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Medical Examiner budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Probate:** 19.00% levy increase; net cost \$125,694. GAL and institutional commitment cases increasing.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Probate budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Sheriff – Patrol Division:** 3.04% levy increase; net cost \$4,178,885.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve Sheriff's Patrol Division budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**Sheriff – Jail Division:** .99% levy decrease; net cost \$4,096,424.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve Sheriff's Jail Division budget as presented and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**REFERRED FROM AUGUST 16, 2018, COUNTY BOARD MEETING AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY:**

**Resolutions from Burnett County and Sawyer County regarding increased compensation for criminal defense attorneys:** Attached. Thimm and Fruehauf summarized the discrepancy issue between hourly rates for court appointed private bar attorneys (increasing from \$70 to \$100) and Public Defender's office private attorneys (\$40). Creates difficulty for Public Defender offices.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to draft similar support resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**District Attorney Fruehauf letter regarding increase in Assistant District Attorney positions in 2017-2019 state biennial budget:** Attached. Two additional Assistant D.A. positions requested in 2019 budget; state recommendation for Douglas County caseload is additional 2.7 assistant D.A.s. Current staffing is 3.5 which includes Fruehauf.

**Bayfield County District Attorney letter of support for additional D.A. positions for Douglas County:** Attached/reviewed.

**ACTION:** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to draft a letter from Public Safety Committee supporting increased state funding for additional Douglas County Assistant District Attorney positions and mail to State Prosecutors Office, Wisconsin Department of Administration. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Raunio, second Lear, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski  
Committee Clerk