

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, September 26, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C**  
**1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Samuel Pomush.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Peter Clark, Ron Leino, Michael Raunio. Others present – Carolyn Pierce, Jerry Moe, Linda Corbin, Tyler Edwards, Dave Sletten, Darrell Witt, Rebecca Severson, Ann Doucette, Kelly Thimm, Michele Wick, Mark Fruehauf, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Raunio, second Lear, to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

**UPDATES AND REPORTS:** Budget reports attached; reviewed. **Circuit Court Branch I:** Working in Ashland County twice a week and for various trials; **Clerk of Courts:** Short-staffed since June; **District Attorney:** Additional funding for positions awarded from state; **Emergency Management:** Completing 2019 grants and preparing for 2020 grants; Hazard Mitigation Plan to be updated; **Communications Center:** Two open dispatcher positions; **Medical Examiner:** Cannot charge for cremation permit; **Sheriff – Patrol Division:** One open position; **Sheriff – Jail Division:** One open position; intercom telephone installed in high risk unit. Employees being fitted for stab vests.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

**From Previous Meeting – Amendment to Ordinance #2.0, Civil Service Commission:** Amendments to ordinance recommended by outside counsel. Douglas County hiring practices would be followed for positions removed from ordinance; policies are in place for a fair hiring process with just cause required for termination. Senate Bill 5 introduced to restore protected status to jailers; positions should remain in ordinance unless bill is rejected. Statute references in ordinance are outdated; updated draft with statute changes to be presented next meeting.

**ACTION:** Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to refer to next meeting for updated draft ordinance. Motion carried.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Ordinance #2.0, Civil Service Commission.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Clark, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk