

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, 4:00 P.M., GOVERNMENT CENTER BOARDROOM 201**  
**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, Ron Leino. Absent – Bill Fennessey, Richard Staupe. Others present – Matt Izzard, Sharon Dembroski, Judge Thimm, Mark Fruehauf, Anna Carlson, Shelley Nelson, Adam Olson, Tyler Edwards, Stacey Minter, Mark Liebaert, Matt Izzard, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve minutes from August 31, 2023, meeting. Motion carried.

**3. UPDATES AND REPORTS**

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

**4. ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS**

**a. Request for new position within Jail: Re-entry specialist:**

Carlson provided background for Re-Entry Specialist position request funded by opioid settlement. Sheriff Izzard presented information about position and impacts to Douglas County. Position aids known opioid users in getting treatment and resources in place prior to release from Douglas County Jail.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve position and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

**b. Budgetary transfers:**

None.

**5. INFORMATIONAL/REPORTS**

**a. Jail Feasibility Study update:**

Still in progress – October targeted for update.

**6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Jail Feasibility Study.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Lear, second Leino, adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:56 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk