

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, October 29, 2020, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Peter Clark, Ron Leino, Mark McGillis (remote). Others present – Becky Severson, Kelly Thimm, Jerry Moe, Amber Popplewell (remote), Shelley Nelson (remote), Dave Sletten, Tracy Ruppe, Mark Liebaert, Darrell Witt, Tyler Edwards, Mark Fruehauf (remote), Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve the September 14, 2020, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Updates and Reports:

Child Support: Severson provided staffing update; office soon to be back to fully staffed.

Circuit Court Branch I: Thimm reported virtual work continues for the foreseeable future.

Circuit Court Branch II: No one present.

Clerk of Courts: No one present.

Court Commissioner: Popplewell reported thankfulness for air purifiers in the courtrooms and noted also utilizing virtual technology for hearings.

District Attorney: Fruehauf reported office is currently quarantined but still working.

Emergency Management: Sletten reported busy with active Covid-19 response since March 2020; partnering with Public Health on a daily basis; PPE distribution ongoing; Wednesday briefings continue as well as organization drive through testing sites. Update to 5 year hazard mitigation plan upcoming.

Communications Center: Sletten reported on 911 center staffing; down three people and will be addressing that issue along with providing more social distancing in the center.

Medical Examiner: Witt noted statistics are currently much higher than at the same time last year for all areas.

Probate: No one present.

Sheriff – Patrol Division: Moe noted numbers this year are down; short staffed currently; testing this week and interviews next week.

Sheriff – Jail Division: Edwards reported camera system is in place, with first phase working well; and second phase replacing external cameras to be completed in a few years; busy with

video court, adding two more courtrooms in the jail, along with a fourth portable courtroom built. Body scanner arrived today and installed, and thermal cameras ordered for each of three entrances. He also noted staffing numbers are down, hoping to start filling empty spots in the near future.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Emergency Management – Vehicle Replacement – (state contract pricing for replacement vehicle to be provided at meeting): Handout distributed featuring vehicle identified from Ewald Automotive Group: 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD 4dr Commercial for a total sales price of \$37,632.

ACTION: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve purchase of vehicle as presented. Motion carried.

Communications Center – Resolution Supporting Grants for Public Safety Answering Points: WCA is urging counties to pass PSAP resolution to provide grant support to PSAPs with Next Generation capable equipment for future equipment and software upgrades.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Lear, second Clark, to sponsor Resolution Supporting Grants for Public Safety to County Board for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to Take from the Table and Consider “Resolution Relating to Expungement of Criminal and Civil Conviction and Non-Conviction Records.” Resolution was voted down in the senate. No need to take further action.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Clark, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk