

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, October 31, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Sam Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present - Rosemary Lear, Ron Leino, Michael Raunio, Sam Pomush. Absent – Peter Clark. Others present – Shelley Nelson, Darrell Witt, Tyler Edwards, Tracy Ruppe, Dave Sletten, Rebecca Lovejoy, Rebecca Severin, Ann Doucette, Jerry Moe, Michele Wick, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve September 26, 2019, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: **Child Support** - Will be advertising two positions, one resignation and one upcoming retirement. **Circuit Court Branch I, Circuit Court Branch II, and Court Commissioner** - Lovejoy summarized the problems with outdated audio equipment in all three courtrooms and associated repair costs; most courtrooms have videoteleconferencing. **Clerk of Courts** – Working with IT to develop compatible filing and record systems/specs. per state deadline of December 1st; ten counties will be selected for upgrade by January 1st; two staff starting in November. **Emergency Management** – Closing out grants; rain events caused damage on Nemadji River bridge on CTH W; enhancing EM operations equipment. **Communications Center** – Conducting tower tours; 2 dispatchers starting in 2 weeks; Lead Dispatcher selection underway; panic button system work continues. **Medical Examiner** – No changes. **Sheriff – Patrol Division** – Expenses down \$32,000; revenue up \$43,000; full staff; no major incidents. **Sheriff – Jail Division** – Down one staff; one remains on list; HR to update eligibility list; cell rounds documented; state inspection November 13; automatic door lock system in process; revenues down/over-budget \$99,000.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Courtroom Sound System Replacement and Video Teleconferencing; Judge Thimm Memo; and Duluth-Superior Communications Quotations for Courtrooms 303, 301, 302: All documents attached and reviewed. Proposed equipment will be a savings over the long-term. Some equipment in DSC quotations may be provided by the state.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS: Courtroom equipment quotations attached/reviewed. Doucette explained funding sources as noted on transfer form.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Raunio, to approve transfer and refer to Administration Committee. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: Amendment to Ordinance #2.0, Civil Service Ordinance for Sheriff's Department - No action; waiting for state legislative decision.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:36 p.m. Reminder – November meeting is the 27th, not 28th due to Thanksgiving.

Submitted by,
Pamela A. Tafelski,
Committee Clerk