



PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – October 16, 2017

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on October 16, 2017 in Conference Room N-1, Fifth Floor, Courthouse East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Brill, Fell, Podzilni and Owens.

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Knudson.

Staff Members Present: Jodi Timmerman, Interim Corporation Counsel; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistant to County Administrator; Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director; Sheriff Robert Spoden, Chief Deputy Barbara Tillman, Tom Gehl, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Director of Mediation and Family Court Services; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director.

Others Present: Attorney James Korom, Von Briesen & Roper SC; Barry Irmen, Director of Operations, Dane County Medical Examiner's Office; Tony Farrell Sr., Rock County Volunteer Director of Suicide Prevention Network and Safety Series; Attorney William Rettko (later in the meeting via telephone).

Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Owens moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. Mr. Gehl gave a quick update on the maintenance for the Sheriff's Office vehicles and explained the vehicles get the oil changed every 3,000 miles per the maintenance contract, and they use B-Line for alignments to the vehicles.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Brill moved approval of the minutes of October 2, 2017 as presented, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers None.

Resolutions.

Authorizing Thirteen Months and Five Days of Double Fill on One Correctional Officer Position

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2017, does hereby authorize the temporary double fill of one Correctional Officer position not to exceed thirteen months and five days.”

Supervisor Fell moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Owens.
ADOPTED.

Update on 2017 Medical Examiner Budget. Mr. Terronez informed the Committee that the number 182 under 2018 Budget on line D. Autopsy Medicine should be 168.

Mr. Irmen explained the number of cases are up, which then causes personnel costs to be up. Mr. Irmen said the external exams for 2017 are down a bit. He said autopsies are up a bit, due to an extent, from opioid use. Mr. Irmen said there are a number of people who do not have insurance, are not going to the doctor, and are dying at home, which they then have to check out.

Third Quarter Activity Report – Mediation and Family Court Services. Ms. Costrini-Norgal went over the report with the Committee and answered questions.

Budget Review.

Child Support Ms. Ellis said she had requested two positions, a Reimbursement Specialist and a Clerk Typist III, and the recommendation is they will not be filled. She said these positions are to help with the e-filing, which they are still trying to get a handle on, and she requested the request for the positions be revisited at a future time.

Circuit Court Mr. Smith went over his comments and said revenue is down a little, and the expense of drug testing for Veterans Court has some billing issues that may change the funding needed in 2018. Mr. Smith said there were a few personnel requests for the Clerk of Court which he is recommending.

911 Communications Center Ms. Sukus said she requested for spare parts for the microwave system, additional staff training for fire dispatch, and extra overtime, which have been recommended. Mr. Smith said he is recommending putting the request for pictometry software off until 2019.

District Attorney Mr. Smith said the fees for Deferred Prosecution will no longer be charged due to the implementation of EBDM recommendations, which decreases revenue by approximately \$7,000.

EBDM Mr. Smith said, due to the Attorney General's opinion, the funds (\$73,505) that would normally have gone to Rock Valley Community Programs will be included in the account for EBDM in 2018.

Medical Examiner Mr. Irmen said the major increase is due to autopsies and personnel costs.

Sheriff Mr. Smith said he is recommending using sales tax for the purchase of a squad car, WISCOM and DANECOM channel upgrades for 103 portable radios, five mobile video recorders, twenty basic bulletproof vests, and one total station unit for crash reconstruction. Mr. Smith said, as shown on page 19 of the Sheriff's Budget, expenses are up. He said request for an additional Deputy position he is not recommending at this time. Sheriff Spoden informed the Committee that he has not made a decision on body cameras at this time as he feels this may be in violation of victim's rights. Sheriff Spoden explained the need for the crash scene reconstruction unit, and the expiration dates of body armor. The Sheriff requested the Committee to reconsider the request for

an additional Deputy before staff morale is seriously compromised, and that deputies are being called on a regular basis to help in the City of Beloit.

Discussion on the amount of overtime at this time and for future political party demands for security.

Chief Deputy Tillman said that, due to the increase in heroin/opioid use, deputies are spending time to take and stay with inmates at the hospital.

Establishing a Hearing Date and Other Procedural Deadlines Regarding the Recommendation for Discipline of a Rock County Sheriff's Deputy in Accordance with Rock County Ordinance 18.103(f) and Section 59.26(8)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes. Supervisor Owens moved the above item, second by Supervisor Brill.
ADOPTED.

A call was placed to Attorney William Rettko, Rettko Law Offices SC.

Chair Beaver identified herself and read the above notice to him.

Ms. Timmerman introduced all present in the room (Conference Room N-1).

Supervisor Beaver read the complaint received October 12, 2017. Supervisor Fell recused himself due to his work history with the Rock County Sheriff's Office and a relative working for the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Timmerman explained the ex-officio members and Mr. Rettko said he was fine with this.

Chair Beaver confirmed that we have until November 3, 2017 to hold the hearing.

Chair Beaver said the date of October 28, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. was chosen and they would like to complete the hearing that day. She asked if this was acceptable with both attorneys. Both confirmed October 28, 2017 at 8 a.m. was acceptable.

Ms. Timmerman informed them the hearing will take place in Conference Room N-1/N-2 on the 5th floor of the Rock County Courthouse and there will be signage to direct people to the hearing.

Chair Beaver said all witnesses will need to appear in person.

Chair Beaver asked each attorney how long they anticipated they would need. Attorney Korom said he thought approximately four hours, which did not include cross-examination. Attorney Rettko said he would need approximately two hours.

The two attorneys chose Monday, October 23, 2017 to exchange witness lists with each other and to Chair Beaver. The attorneys chose to issue their own subpoenas and make their own arrangements for serving them.

Ms. Timmerman said she has arranged for a court reporter.

Ms. Timmerman asked about exhibits. Mr. Korom said he had already sent his exhibits to Mr. Rettko. Mr. Rettko said he would send his exhibits to Mr. Korom along with his witness list on October 23, 2017. Both attorneys agreed to give copies of the exhibits to the Committee at the hearing. Ms. Timmerman said they should bring nine (9) copies of each exhibit.

Chair Beaver informed the attorneys they would have fifteen (15) minutes for their opening statements and thirty (30) minutes for their closing statements. Both attorneys agreed. Mr. Korom asked if it would be okay to split his 30 minutes for a rebuttal. Chair Beaver agreed to this.

Chair Beaver asked if there were any stipulations. There were none.

Ms. Timmerman stated she would be consulting with Chair Beaver on any objections.

Discussion on the Committee taking personal notes. Mr. Rettko objected to this. Ms. Timmerman said they would discuss this and get back to him and that these would just be factual notes. Mr. Rettko asked that his objection be noted.

Ms. Timmerman informed the attorneys that the Committee members will not be asking questions during the hearing.

Chair Beaver said after the closing arguments the Committee would go into executive session for the purpose of deliberating pursuant to section 19.85(1)(a) with a written decision issued after deliberations. Chair Beaver said that she is asking Ms. Timmerman to assist them in drafting the decision.

Mr. Korom asked if the Committee is requesting they stay. Ms. Timmerman said they would be asked to leave the room, but it would be up to them if they wished to stay. Mr. Korom said he would prefer to leave and have the decision e-mailed to him. Mr. Rettko agreed. Ms. Timmerman said the decision would be written and e-mailed to them after a decision was made.

Phone conversation ended at 4:51 P.M.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 4:52 P.M., second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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