

RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, December 2, 2022

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 8:30am in the County Board Room of the Richland County Court House in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present at the meeting were: Committee Chair Melissa Luck and Committee members David Turk, Kerry Severson, Bob Frank, Richard McKee, Ken Rynes, and Barbara Voyce. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Clay Porter, Chief Deputy Aaron Wallace, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Clinton Langreck, Judge Lisa McDougal, Clerk of Court Stacy Kleist, DA Jennifer Harper, Jenifer Laue, and Darin Gudgeon.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order: Committee Chair Luck called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for December 2, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting: Committee Chair Luck confirmed that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Luck declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for December 2, 2022 Meeting: Motioned by Bob Frank to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the November 4, 2022 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Referendum committee request for more information response: Luck stated there were 7 questions back from the referendum committee, so those questions were read at the meeting. Questions were regarding state statute requirements regarding the coroner, revenues collected by the Clerk of Court and DA offices, budget cuts comparing to the 2022 departmental budgets, state statute language for an additional position in the DA's office regarding Marcy's Law, costs of housing inmates outside the county compared to in the county, looking at all line items when considering budget cuts, and a position in sheriff's department that provides data entry that is redundant. All of these questions were discussed and Luck will provide a report on the responses to these questions.

Agenda Item #6: Coroner Updates: Sheriff Porter shared the coroner updates with the committee members. Total of 11 cases for the month of November.

Agenda Item #7: Circuit Court Judge updates/comments: Judge McDougal commented on the backlog from Covid for the court system and what is currently taking place in the court system. McDougal talked about bond forfeitures and how the court system is starting this process when people don't show up to court.

Agenda Item #8: Clerk of Court Update: Kleist shared her reports with the committee members.

Agenda Item #9: Probate Updates: Laue stated there was no report available for this month. Laue is asking the committee for approval to advertise for her deputy position in her office. Motion to approve advertising for this position made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by Ken Rynes. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #10: District Attorney Updates: Not available for this meeting.

Agenda Item #11: Emergency Management: A.) Director Gudgeon shared his Emergency Response Plan with the committee members. This plan is reviewed every few years and changes are then made or items are added to the plan. Motion to approve the Emergency Response Plan and move forward to County Board made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by Barb Voyce. Motion approved.
B.) Director Gudgeon stated this is for his contracted employee and that employees two year contract approval. Director Gudgeon noted of a few changes to the contract, which was discussed with the committee members. Motion to approve this contract made by Kerry Severson, second to this motion made by Bob Frank. Motion approved. Director Gudgeon discussed with the committee members about repairing the Emergency management vehicle and what his costs will be to repair it, but it could cause his budget to go over and Gudgeon wanted the committee to be aware of that.

Agenda Item #12: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: The committee members went over the invoices for the month and discussed some specific invoices. Motion to approve paying the invoices for the month made by Ken Rynes, second to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion approved. Sheriff Porter went over the monthly jail statistic report. The department will be losing 1 dispatcher/jailer during December.

Agenda Item #13: Approve Motorola Solutions invoice for GEO Mapping project: This invoice is for the cost of the GEO Mapping project, this allows for the sheriff's department and dispatch to make some upgrades to the CAD and mapping system and helps when called are dispatched out. This cost will be taken out of the 911 Outlay account and will need to move forward to County Board by resolution. Motion to approve this invoice made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by David Turk. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #14: Approval to hire casuals for the sheriff's office: This is for two casuals for the Road Patrol, these 2 candidates are currently certified by the academy and working as casuals to get a feel in the court and road. Porter stated all full time road positions are currently filled, there is 1 deputy that is out on injury. Motion to approve the casual hires made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by Barb Voyce. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #15: Discussion of contracting law enforcement services for outlying villages: Porter stated that he did reach out to Lone Rock and Cazenovia. Lone Rock is looking at 20 hours per week and 2 to 3 hours in Cazenovia, the sheriff is hoping Cazenovia will want to do at least 5 hours per week. This will leave some open hours that would have to be covered by the sheriff's office. This means that a partial

position would have to be asked for to be added to the sheriff's budget unless another township is interested in having our position to enforce ordinances. If the sheriff's office can't provide a staffed person, then the Village of Lone Rock would have to cover the hours of that position. Frank would like to hear from Cazenovia and believes that a decision can't be made until we hear from that village. Chief Deputy Wallace wondered if it could be put on the referendum and Frank said it could be considered as part of the referendum. Frank thinks that the casuals should be considered to cover these village areas. Luck and the committee believe this item should be tabled until the February meeting and believe this item needs to wait until decisions are made on the referendum. Motion that the department add a half time position and the other balance covered by the Villages of Cazenovia and Lone Rock made by Bob Frank, second to this motion made by Ken Rynes. More discussion. Roll Call was done. Voyce – No, Severson – No, Rynes – Yes, Frank – Yes, Luck – No, Turk – No, McKee – abstained. Resulted in 4- Nos, 2 – Yes. Motion failed and will be tabled until January.

Agenda Item #16: Radio Tower project updates: Luck discussed in looking to get subscriber equipment be covered by a grant. This will help to get the most amount of equipment to the outlying agencies. The grant will cover 95% of the cost and the county would cover the remaining 5%. Director Gudgeon wants it to be clear that he can't write the grant unless he receives information from the agencies wanting the equipment. The only other update is that 2 to 3 additional towers will be needed. There was discussion on the door locks and dispatch and how this will work. Luck states she would like to have how much this will cost and would like to have this information by the next meeting.

Agenda Item #17: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Gudgeon said awards for the PSAP and GIS grants are supposed to be made in December but have not heard yet. Regional grants will be open in January or February and if the grant is awarded there is a 2 year period to use that money.

Agenda Item #18: Future agenda items: Contract officers for outlying villages.

Motion to move to closed session made by Bob Frank, second by Ken Rynes. Motion approved unanimously. The Sheriff and Chief Deputy will accompany the remaining committee members for the jail inspection.

Agenda Item #19: Jail Inspection and Evaluation of jail staff performance:
Closed Session:

Motion to approve back to open session at 11:50am made by Ken Rynes, second to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #16: Adjourn; Motion by Bob Frank to adjourn until the regular Public Safety Committee meeting on Friday, January 6, 2023 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Ken Rynes. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler