

RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, July 7, 2023

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Friday, July 7, 2023 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 members Kerry Severson, Bob Frank, Richard McKee, Ken Rynes, and Barbara Voyce, Melissa Luck joined the meeting late. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Clay Porter, and Chief Deputy Aaron Wallace. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Judge Lisa McDougal, Clerk of Court Deputy Sara Earhart, County Interim Administrator John Hochkamer, County Administrator Candace Pesch, DA Jennifer Harper, Jenifer Laue, and Darin Gudgeon.

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

Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for July 7, 2023 Public Safety Committee Meeting: Committee Vice Chair Frank confirmed that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Frank declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for July 7, 2023 Meeting: Motioned by Richard McKee to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Ken Rynes. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the June 2, 2023 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Richard McKee to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Ken Rynes. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: no new updates

Agenda Item #6: Circuit Court Judge updates/comments: Comments by Judge McDougal regarding new speaker installed in courtroom. Working on Capital Improvement Plan, continue to have criminal justice coordinating meetings and courthouse security meetings. Bob Frank asked about an update on the Small Courtroom. Working getting zoom and speaker system, have received an estimate from Marco approx. \$42,000 total.

Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Update: Deputy Clerk Erhardt shared reports with the committee members. Budget is doing well, should be very similar to where they were last year. Bob Frank read an email from Stacy Kleist, attending/representing at the National Convention.

Agenda Item #8: Probate Updates: Jennifer Laue spoke as well about the Small Courtroom updates, Judge Rood from Vernon County is retiring July 31st, former ADA Gaskell will be taking the position as Judge so Richland County will be assisting Vernon County for the interim explaining that zoom will be really helpful in the small courtroom to handle this. Budget is right on track at this point.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: DA Jennifer Harper advised that their budget is under at this point, discussion about hiring someone in the front office, have a new person starting soon. DA Harper gave additional comments regarding the Small Courtroom updates that are needed. At this point the DA's office is fully staffed.

Agenda Item #10: Emergency Management: Darin Gudgeon gave an update on his office, believes his budget is on track but may be slightly over at the end of the year due to the budget being extremely tight. Gave an update on a business plan which his department was asked to present to Personnel and Finance which was mandated by resolution to put together.

Agenda Item #11: PSAP & GIS grant monthly updates: Quarterly reports due the end of the month, progress is moving forward. Frank informed there is another round of funding in grants that are available.

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 Kerry Severson. Motion approved. Sheriff Porter went over the monthly jail statistic report. Sheriff Porter mentioned the Act 19 updates regarding DOC wages so may affect future employment. Sheriff gave an update on the current budget status as well. Kerry asked about putting in again for the Jail Administrator position, a short discussion was had with the County Administrator Pesch regarding implementing this.

Agenda Item #13: Committee approval of the annual Spillman maintenance invoice (Motorola Solutions), to be taken out of the 911 Outlay: Motion by McGee, second by Rynes for approval, all in favor.

Agenda Item #14: Committee approval to purchase the Spillman AVL Module: This was brought forth previously, Sheriff would like to move forward in purchasing this if possible. Motion made by McKee, second by Rynes, all in favor to forward to Finance and Personnel for approval.

Agenda Item #15: Committee approval to apply for the PCAP & GIS Grants: Sheriff Porter asked to put in for this, Darin said application has to be in by August 15th. Melissa will discuss with Zoning to move forward on this. Ken Rynes made motion to apply for this grant, second by Kerry Severson. All in favor.

Agenda Item #16: Committee approval to move the Jailer/Dispatcher benefits from 8.5 hours to 12 hours: Presented MOU to Finance and that this agreement would also cover the jail staff, Sheriff said he was directed back to this committee for approval. Chief Deputy Wallace gave information regarding surrounding counties and how what they are following. Discussion was had regarding the pros and cons regarding the change of hours. Motion made by McKee and second by Barb V to go forward with a trial period. All in favor.

Agenda Item #17: Continues discussion on Ordinance 89-7 and possible changes: Postpone this to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #18: Discussion on future jail plans: Sheriff would like to start the discussion regarding this, Melissa Luck commented regarding what the referendum committee task them to bring this up. If the jail and dispatch were separated, we would have to hire additional personnel to staff both separately. Interim Administrator Hockhammer made additional comments regarding future plans for the county. Melissa will write up a document with information forwarded on for future planning.

Agenda Item #19: Radio Tower project updates: Mike Day on via zoom and gave an update that the project is staying stable, making progress taking last looks at sites and settling on placements. Next meeting on July 18th.

Agenda Item #20: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Sheriff Porter gave an update on the squads. Darin Gudgeon gave an update AFG Grant may still be in play

Agenda Item #21: Future agenda items:

Agenda Item #22: Adjourn; Motion by Ken Rynes to adjourn until the regular Public Safety Committee meeting. Second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Administrative Assistant, Susan Curtis