

RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, September 1, 2023

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Friday, September 1, 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 Chair Melissa Luck and Committee members David Turk, Bob Frank, Kerry Severson, Richard McKee, and Barbara Voyce. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Clay Porter, Lt. Mike Czys, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was 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 September 1, 2023 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 September 1, 2023 Meeting: Motioned by Richard McKee to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Barb Voyce. Motion passed.

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

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: Sheriff Porter went over the monthly updates provided by the Coroner.

Agenda Item #6: Circuit Court Judge updates/comments: Judge McDougal talked about the functionality of the court room and security issues with the court rooms. Luck stated that she would like the Judge and other departments to put together a document that deals with the issues of the court room and a priority listing of what changes need to be made and any cost estimates that are associated with those possible changes.

Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Update: Kleist talked more about the bat issue that takes place in many different rooms in the courthouse and also touched on security that other court rooms have and the needs for our court room. Kleist shared her reports with the committee members and gave an outlook on her 2023 budget and talked about collections in her office.

Agenda Item #8: Probate Updates: Jenny Laue informed the committee that her deputy will be reaching the end of her probation during the month of September and she has done very well during her probation. Laue talked about her budget and the outlook for capital improvements for the court. There was a discussion about

courtroom security and lack of staffing to provide this for 2 court rooms and then have another person who can escort inmates to and from the jail to the court without using the court room security person. Laue briefly talked about her reports and budget for 2023.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: DA Harper commented on what the county really needs is a new LEJC center which would fix a lot of the issues that have been talked about in this meeting. DA Harper went over her budget outlook for 2023.

Agenda Item #10: Emergency Management: Director Gudgeon went over his budgets and the outlook for 2023 with those 2 budgets. There was a discussion on possibly setting up a yearly drill or education on courthouse security.

Agenda Item #11: PSAP & GIS grant monthly updates: Lt. Czys talked about training that is taking place with these grants. Frank talked about a new bunch of grants will be coming out soon and to think about items they would like to submit with the new batch of monies 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 Richard McKee, second to this motion by Barb Voyce. Motion approved. Sheriff Porter went over the monthly jail statistic report. The department will be losing 1 Jailer/Dispatcher in September. Sheriff Porter talked about the budget for 2023 and in June things looked good. There was discussion about the 12 hour shifts and that things are going well. The department was awarded a body camera grant which allowed the department to purchase 5 cameras for the jail.

Agenda Item #13: Jail Inspection report discussion: Luck talked about the jail inspection report and a few of the fixes that needed to happen according to the jail inspector. Sheriff Porter stated that the grates have been upgraded and the showers were completed at the end of 2022. The camera system is a work in progress and is moving forward. The jail locks and intercoms is another piece that is being addressed.

Agenda Item #14: Department budgets outlook through June 2023: Each department gave an update during their agenda item.

Agenda Item #15: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Sheriff Porter shared the squad report with the committee members, he is hoping that the 2 new squads will be completed this month. Luck asked if we will get to a point of where the county can use the equipment out of an old squad and put into the new squads. Porter stated that the problem is an old squad is usually a 5 to 6 year old squad and within that time squad designs change and the old equipment no longer will fit the new squads.

Agenda Item #16: Future agenda items: Luck would like Courthouse Security to be put on the agenda on a quarterly basis.

Agenda Item #17: Adjourn; Motion by Bob Frank to adjourn until the regular Public Safety Committee meeting on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by David Turk. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler