

RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, November 3, 2023

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Friday, March 3, 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 Kerry Severson, David Turk, Richard McKee, Ken Rynes, and Barbara Voyce. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Clay Porter and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Candace Pesch, Judge Lisa McDougal, 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 November 3, 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 November 3, 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 October 6, 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: Sheriff Porter went over the coroner reports for the past 2 months

Agenda Item #6: Circuit Court Judge updates/comments: Judge McDougal reported on the cases going through the court system. She commented on the out of county judges that also hold cases in our county. Judge McDougal talked about security in the courtroom during certain cases and issues that will be talked about during the next Courthouse Security Committee meeting. McDougal talked about Treatment Court and how they are reaching near capacity with 13 individuals currently in the program and capacity is 15. She talked about having a possible waiting list for individuals wanting to participate in the program.

Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Update: Kleist shared her reports with the committee members but was unable to attend the meeting.

Agenda Item #8: Probate Updates: Probate Director Laue went over her budget with the committee members and talked about currently being on track with the 2023 budget for her office. Laue stated that jury trials are increasing and the critical aspect of the jury trials is increasing and mental health issues are more

obvious in the courtroom and so courtroom security is a much needed thing for the courthouse.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: Not available for this meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Emergency Management: Director Gudgeon talked about the County Emergency Plan is an active document and is out to the committee members. This plan will be used as a roadmap for the next 3 years to identify what training needs to be implemented. There was a discussion on training that needs to be done every year and how to make it more of a mandatory thing for every department. Director Gudgeon has taken a different regional position, but will be continuing to work for the county 2 hours a week until the position is filled.

Agenda Item #11: PSAP & GIS grant monthly updates: The county did receive the GIS grant in the amount of \$100,070.50, but did not receive the PSAP grant this year. Gudgeon believes that the county will be turned down for the AMG grant.

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 Richard McKee. Motion approved. Sheriff Porter went over the monthly jail statistic report. Sheriff Porter talked about interactions with an individual who could be volatile, the Sheriff let other departments know as this individual would go to other offices in the courthouse and actions were taken to help these situations so that people feel safe in the courthouse. There is still an open position in the jail that has not been filled, the department does have a possible candidate, but in the near future the department will become noncompetitive based on wages and benefits being offered by the Department of Corrections and other counties are following the DOC with their wages and benefits as well.

Agenda Item #13: Open squad bids: Sheriff Porter stated that the department received 1 bid from Fillback Ford. The Sheriff asked for a bid on a pickup truck, SUV and Administrative vehicle. The department is asking for 2 squads. Bids came in at \$46,465 for a Ford F150, the Ram pickup \$46,435, Durango Pursuit \$41,623 and also \$41,155 for another Durango Patrol vehicle. Explorers were not spec'd out because the department could not get them. Luck states she would like to see a higher mileage patrol vehicle be switched over to an admin vehicle and then giving a new vehicle to patrol. Luck's idea is to possibly get a new vehicle for admin, and a new patrol vehicle, this would mean buying 2 Durango's. Motion to purchase 1 Durango patrol squad and 1 Durango admin vehicle made by Ken Rynes, second to this motion by Richard McKee. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #14: Radio Tower project updates: Mike Day attended this meeting and shared the monthly update with the committee members. The main focus for the past month was the system design, adjustments have been made and have 9 sites for towers. The hope is to hear back from US Cellular in the next month

with what they will provide. The county has until December 2024 to spend the money for this project, and Mike believes we are on track to meet that deadline.

Agenda Item #15: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: These items were spoke about in previous agenda items.

Agenda Item #16: Future agenda items: Closed session Jail Inspection, Ordinance 89-7.

Agenda Item #17: Adjourn; Motion by Ken Rynes to adjourn until the regular Public Safety Committee meeting on Friday, December 1, 2023 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler