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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Public Safety Committee
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: County Board Room, Lower Level of the Safety Building

The following discussion was held by the Committee at the meeting detailed above:

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by Chairman W. Wagner.
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Silence Cell Phones.
4. Roll call was conducted.

Public Safety Committee		
Name	Role	Status
Warren Wagner	Chairman	Present
Reinhardt Balcerzak	Vice-Chair	Present
Joel Wagner	Member	Present
Teresa Poltrock	Member	Present
Brian Zaverousky	Member	Absent

Non- Committee Members Present	
Name	Interest
Mark Westen	Sheriff
Travis Krueger	Emergency Management
Jason Hilger	County Administrator
Robin Stowe	Corporation Counsel
Heidi Walrath	Jail Administrator
Kelly Allen	Victim Witness Coordinator
Judy Nagel	County Clerk/ Recording Secretary

5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of April 14, 2023:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Poltrock to approve the previous meeting minutes of April 14, 2023. All ayes, motion carried.
6. **Public comment on agenda items and consideration of requests for items to be added to future meeting agendas:** None
7. **District Attorney's Report.** No Report.
8. **Update from Victim Witness Coordinator. Update on State Funding request.** Victim Witness Coordinator Allen presented the Committee with an oral report. Allen stated the Wisconsin Joint Finance Committee has increased the reimbursement rate for Victim Witness to 60% currently the reimbursement rate is 40%. Allen stated she traveled to Madison to advocate for more Victim Witness funding. Allen was awarded a certificate for outstanding Victim Witness Advocate. Information only.
9. **Coroner's Report:** Coroner's Report was submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting for review. Information only.
10. **Child Support Report:** Corporation Counsel Stowe presented the Committee with a written Child Support Report for Coordinator Ann Wagner. Stowe stated the Contracted Financials continue to decrease with financials being done in-house. Information only.
11. **Corporation Counsel Report:** Corporation Counsel Stowe gave the Committee an oral report. Stowe stated he is working with Land Records on a camping trailer violation; working on the 2024 Budget and staffing plans in Child

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Support; working on the partnership with NCHC and Hope House, there are currently 6 residents. Stowe stated he is working with the Airport regarding possible construction of additional hangers. Information only.

- 12. Update on staffing in the Corp Counsel Office:** Stowe discussed with the Committee the split position between the Corporation Counsel Legal Secretary and Court Commissioner's Assistant. Stowe stated this position has become vacant and will not be refilled. The primary support of Corporation Counsel for 51.15's will be from the Deputy County Clerk, with back up from the County Clerk. Information only.
- 13. Emergency Management Report:** Emergency Management Krueger presented the Committee with a written report. Krueger stated he is doing a big push for the Everbridge Notification Program and signup. Krueger stated the Everbridge Notification would be another layer to help notify residents of an emergency alert. Information only.
- 14. Update/Report out on the Dispatch/Jail Tour:** Chairman W. Wagner stated the Jail/Dispatch tour was very interesting, admiring the staff and the role they play within Dispatch and the Jail. Supervisor J. Wanger stated the technology and software used in the Jail/Dispatch is impressive. J. Wagner gave thanks to the staff and all they do. Information only.
- 15. Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report:** Jail Administrator Walrath presented the Committee with a written report. The total number of inmates for the month of May is 69. Walrath stated the yearly jail inspection will be in July. Sheriff Westen stated the Over Time in Dispatch is significant due to staff shortages for Dispatchers. Information only.
- 16. Update on State Funds regarding Mental Health Costs of Inmates:** Sheriff Westen stated he is working with the Health Department to receive funding from Wisconsin DHS to help with the Mental Health costs for inmates. Information only.
- 17. Update on Simulcast/Towers/Broadband:** Sheriff Westen updated the Committee on the Simulcast/ Towers and Broadband. Sheriff Westen stated fiber still needs to be ran to the Kent Tower. Sheriff Westen stated the County is trying to establish connectivity to the Gresham, Kent and Elcho towers. Sheriff Westen stated they are working on the possibility to add equipment to the White Lake and Pickerel Towers. Discussion held on the build of a tower in the Town of Summit, a grant has been awarded. Sheriff Weston will continue to work with the project manager. Information only.
- 18. Update on staff changes for Dispatch, Jailers and Officers:** Sheriff Westen updated the Committee on staffing numbers. Dispatch is currently at 5 staff with 2 conditional offers pending. Corrections officers are full staffed. Sheriff Westen stated there is an opening in the patrol division. Sheriff Westen discussed staff retention and years of service, institutional knowledge. Information only.
- 19. Review Monthly & Year End Departmental Budgets presented to the Committee:** Sheriff Westen stated he is working on the 2024 Budget. Sheriff Westen stated the only concern with the current budget is the Over-Time in the Dispatch Center. Information only.
- 20. Update or Report on Public Safety Activities from County Administrator:** No Comment.
- 21. Next meeting date:** TBD
- 22. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Balcerzak to adjourn the Public Safety Committee Meeting at 9:10 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk,

Judy Nagel, County Clerk, Recording Secretary