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MEETING MINUTES

Committee: Public Safety Committee
Date: Monday, August 7, 2023
Time: 9:00 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 9:00 AM by Chairman W. Wagner.
2. The Committee recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Silence Cell Phones.
4. **Roll call was conducted.** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Balcerzak to excuse Poltrock and Zaverousky. All ayes, motion carried.

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

Non- Committee Members Present	
Name	Interest
Dan Bauknecht	Chief Deputy Sheriff
Travis Krueger	Emergency Management
Jason Hilger	County Administrator
Heidi Walrath	Jail Administrator
Kelly Hays	District Attorney
Nancy Benish	Diversion Coordinator
Becky Rank	Deputy County Clerk/ Recording Secretary

5. **Approve previous meeting minutes of June 14, 2023:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Balcerzak to approve the previous meeting minutes of June 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. **Appoint Public Safety Committee member to the Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC), per County Board Rule Change 15.1:** Chairman Wagner nominates Poltrock to the LEPC Committee, second by Balcerzak. All ayes, motion carried. Nomination will go before the County Board Chairman for appointment.
8. **District Attorney's Report.** District Attorney Hays gave an oral report. Hays stated she came back full-time in July after being on FMLA. Hays stated there are now two full-time Langlade County prosecutors. Hays updated the Committee on the vacant prosecutor position. Hays introduced Diversion Coordinator Nancy Benish. Benish stated the Diversion Coordinator position is to help address the drug problems in Langlade County. Benish stated she will begin seeing clients as of September 1, 2023. Benish will work with local programs to get the services the clients will need to succeed in the program and break the cycle. Each client will need to meet certain criteria before they are accepted into the program. Information only.
9. **Coroner's Report:** Committee was given a copy of the Coroner's written report prior to the meeting. Chairman Wagner reviewed the report. Information only.

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- 10. Child Support Report:** Committee was given a copy of the Child Support written report prior to the meeting. Chairman Wagner reviewed the report. Information only.
- 11. Emergency Management Report:** Emergency Management Travis Krueger gave the Committee an oral report. Krueger stated he has applied for the EPCRA Grant, a Computer & Hazmat Equipment Grant. The Wisconsin Emergency Management (WEM) will provide grant funds to the County Emergency Management Office to support the purchase of eligible computer and hazmat equipment for a County sponsored Hazmat Team. Krueger stated funds have been received from the EMPG Grant. The EMPG Grant provides state, local, tribal and territorial emergency management agencies with the resources required for implementation of the National Preparedness System. Krueger stated he has completed the updates for the County Emergency flip book that will be placed in each county office. Krueger stated he has been in attendance with the City of Antigo AHOC Committee Meeting regarding the weather siren. Krueger stated he did some outreach at the 2023 Langlade County Fair. Information only.
- 12. Sheriff/Jail Office/Nurse Report:** Chief Deputy Bauknecht gave an oral report. Bauknecht stated the Sheriff's Office is down one car. Bauknecht stated his car was recently hit by a drunk driver. Krueger is working on getting a replacement car. Jail Administrator Walrath presented the Committee with a written Jail Report. Walrath stated the jail numbers are trending down with a total of 62 inmates. Walrath updated on the Jail Nurse report stating the current population is at a higher need for medical attention. Bauknecht briefly discussed the need for more holding cells. Currently the jail has 3 holding cells. Bauknecht stated the review of holding cells is in the beginning stages of discussion. Information only.
- 13. Update on Simulcast/Towers/Broadband:** Chief Deputy Bauknecht updated the Committee on the Simulcast/Towers/ Broadband project. Bauknecht stated the project is on track. County Administrator Hilger stated the Town of Summit Tower is a critical component for the project. Hilger stated this agenda item will be discussed more during the August Administrative Committee Meeting. Information only.
- 14. Update on staff changes for Dispatch, Jailers and Officers:** Chief Deputy Bauknecht updated the Committee on staffing needs, stated one Sheriff's Deputy is in training, three dispatch workers are in training and Correction Officers are down two. Bauknecht stated they will continue to work with HR on filling vacancies. Information only.
- 15. Review Monthly & Year End Departmental Budgets presented to the Committee:** County Administrator Hilger stated staffing levels are good. Hilger state there is great communication between Administration and Sheriff's Office. Hilger updated the Committee on staffing in the District Attorney's Office. Hilger stated there is one full-time Prosecutor position open. Currently this position is paid 50% by the State and 50% by the County. As of July 1, 2024, the position will be 100% paid by the State. Hays stated there are multiple opening for prosecutors. Hays stated the District Attorney's Office will continue to recruit for a full-time prosecutor. Hays stated Victim Witness is doing a great job. Hays stated they have opened the wall between the Victim Witness Office and the District Attorney to make it safer for staff to move between offices. Information only.
- 16. Update or Report on Public Safety Activities from County Administrator:** County Administrator Hilger updated the Committee on existing tower equipment with possible changes. Information only.
- 17. Next meeting date:** September 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
- 18. Adjourn the meeting:** Motion by J. Wagner, second by Balcerzak to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m. All ayes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by:

Becky Rank, Deputy County Clerk, Recording Secretary