PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Douglas County Board of Supervisors Thursday, March 2, 2017, 4:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C 1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Samuel Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present - Rosemary Lear, Charlie Glazman, Alan Jaques, Samuel Pomush. Absent - Marvin Finendale. Others present - Jerry Moe, James Madden, Dan Corbin, Richard Schnell, Lisa Johnson, Becky Severson, Darrell Witt, Rebecca Lovejoy, Jaime McMeekin, Tracy Ruppe, Kelly Thimm, Tom Dalbec, Bob Galovich, Tyler Edwards, Keith Kesler, Michele Wick, Mark Fruehauf, Pam Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Jaques, to approve October 27, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Budget reports attached/reviewed. **Child Support -** Johnson introduced Child Support Deputy Becky Severson. Circuit Court Branch I - Court Reporter hired; new chair pads approved. Clerk of Courts - Approved for e-filing; tax intercepts activated; new hire starting. Court Commissioner -Work with D.A.'s office going well. District Attorney - Transition smooth; April/May higher profile trials. Based on state indicators, 3 full-time Assistant D.A.'s suggested for Douglas County's caseload but not in state budget. County has 1 full-time, a 0.9 and a 0.6; will lose the .9 if not moved to full-time (cost \$4,000). State has not approved the allocation; Fruehauf working with Finance Department on \$4,000 for remainder of wavs this **Emergency** Management/Communications Center – Updates on 911 move to CenturyLink; Verizon tower contract; short 1 dispatcher; statewide contract potential for 911 service fees on any device. **Medical Examiner** – Potential new deputy withdrew; currently M.E. plus 2 deputies. **Probate** – Juvenile cases doubled YTD with 2016. **Sheriff – Patrol Division** – Crime statistics reviewed; property crimes stabilized; drug crimes increasing; internet crimes task force working well; new canine in process. Sheriff – Jail Division – Jail maintenance schedule developing; restructuring staff due to promotions; average 20 out-of-county inmates; meeting with St. Louis County to renew contract for housing 12; ICE contract is for 72 hour holds. State versus federal inspection schedules discussed.

ACTION (**REFERRAL**): Motion by Lear, second Jaques, to support increasing 0.9 Assistant District Attorney position to full-time at estimated cost of \$4,000 as one time funding for remainder of 2017, and refer to Administration Committee for funding mechanism. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: Emergency Management/Communications Center 2017 Capital Projects Funding Request – List of priorities and rationales attached/reviewed.

ACTION (**REFERRAL**): Motion by Glazman, second Jaques, to approve priorities #1 and #2 capital projects as presented and refer to County Administrator for review. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL: Referred from October 27, 2016, meeting:

Drug Crimes Ctatistics – Douglas County: Attached/reviewed. Dalbec explained how to understand the Douglas County numbers as a border state and funding. May be good Superior Days issue next year. Committee asked Dalbec to develop a narrative on the statistics and e-mail to all County Board supervisors on behalf of Public Safety Committee.

Future Agenda Items: Resolution regarding state funding for Assistant D.A.; Sheriff capital projects.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lear, second Jaques, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

Pamela A. Tafelski Committee Clerk