

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, June 30, 2016, 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, Marvin Finendale, Charlie Glazman, Alan Jaques, Samuel Pomush. Others present – Jerry Moe, Dan Blank, Tracy Ruppe, Mark Liebaert, Darrell Witt, Keith Kesler, Kelly Thimm, Michele Wick, Pamela Tafelski (Committee Clerk).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Pomush, to approve March 31, 2016, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Individual departmental budgets attached/reviewed. **Circuit Court Branch I** – Court Reporter is retiring August 5; vacancy notice published; some hearings may need to be rescheduled until new Court Reporter hired. **Clerk of Courts** – Written report of case counts ranging from 1995 to present distributed; statutory changes and e-filing forthcoming. **District Attorney** – Written report on staffing, case statistics, initiatives, and security concerns distributed/reviewed. Blank shared concerns regarding security issues. **Emergency Management** – Udeen Tower completed. **Communication Center** – Short 2 dispatchers with testing completed; Wisconsin considering minimum educational standards for dispatchers; 911 funding not available. **Medical Examiner** – Investigations up 30, cremations up 18, and autopsies down 2, YTD with last year; state also considering more stringent licensing requirements for Medical Examiners. **Sheriff – Patrol** – 1 patrol retirement; crime statistics report attached/reviewed; **Jail** – Staffing down 2 Jailers.

ACTION ITEMS:

Child Abduction Response Team (CART) - Mutual Aid Use of Douglas County's Command Post in Minnesota – Corporation Counsel Opinion: Chair Pomush read e-mail response from Corporation Counsel indicating existing mutual aid agreement will suffice; no action needed.

INFORMATIONAL/REFERRALS:

Building Security: Thimm summarized concerns of the courts and all courthouse offices, and referred to a 2012 security report by the U. S. Marshals Service for Douglas County facilities. Recommendations include one entrance with x-ray machine/metal detector, and 3 security staff. Cost is factor. Tafelski to e-mail report to committee members.

Chairs in Courtrooms - Court Reporter and Jurors: Complaints by jurors and court reporters has been an issue. Padding on chairs is thinning and uncomfortable. Thimm will look into cushions and see what cost may be, as opposed to purchase of new chairs.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Building security; courtroom chairs.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lear, second Jaques, to adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Submitted by,
Pamela A. Tafelski
Committee Clerk