

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, February 24, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 North 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Ron Leino, Richard Staupe, Peter Clark. Others present – Dave Sletten, Andy Johnson, Sheila Keup, Mary Martin, George Glonek, Mark Liebaert, Jaime McMeekin, Michele Wick, Tom Dalbec, Mark Fruehauf, Jerry Moe, Tracy Ruppe, Aaron Lenmark, Linda Corbin, Ann Doucette, Carolyn Pierce, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Clark, second Leino, to approve the minutes from the December 30, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

Updates and Reports:

Child Support: Dembroski reported no updates.

Circuit Court Branch I: Not present.

Circuit Court Branch II: Glonek reported things moving along very well, with limited backlog, especially compared to other counties in the state.

Clerk of Courts: Wick reported two new employees starting in her office.

Court Commissioner: Not present.

District Attorney: Fruehauf reported fully staffed, other than newly short one prosecutor.

Emergency Management: Sletten reported Adam Olson diverted to Dispatcher position to pick up shifts, with EM work several months behind due to this staff reallocation; working on 5 year hazard mitigation plan; table top exercise with school district; and emergency responder map book update.

Communications Center: Sletten reported continue to struggle with staffing shortage, with 8 of 12 approved spots in place. 1 new staff member starting March 1st and another couple potential applicants in process. Working with Corporation Counsel on 911 provider change; and on capital projects from 2021.

Medical Examiner: Keup reported meeting with new prospective employee, and still looking for one more applicant after that.

Probate: McMeekin reported no update.

Sheriff – Patrol Division: Dalbec reported one retirement occurred end of 2021 and anticipating another one April 1st, will be working to fill open positions.

Sheriff – Jail Division: Dalbec reported staffing still an issue; with five vacancies. Large remodeling project in first floor lobby area in progress.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

From County Board - Jailer and Dispatcher Recruitment and Retention Program: Doucette advised program revamped, doing away with lump sum incentives, making it easier to administer and including the dispatchers.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Leino, second Staupe, to approve revised program as presented, and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Corporation Counsel Legal Opinion Regarding Whether the Sheriff has to Accept all Municipal Offenders: Legal opinion provided to members prior to meeting. Corporation Counsel found Sheriff to be operating jail within his authority. Discussion ensued about jail acceptance of local offenders.

Budgetary Transfers: 2021 clean-up items: Sheriff/Jail - \$400,000 increase board revenues and contracted/supply/allocation expenditures and Emergency Management - \$45,000 to increase recovery revenues and communications repair expenditures.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve budgetary transfers, and refer to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL: Update on Jail Medical Provider: Dalbec advised current medical provider put on 60 day notice to terminate agreement with them; working with Doucette and County Clerk's Office to do an RFP for a new provider.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Leino, second Lear, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk