

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, March 28, 2019, 4:00 p.m., Courthouse Room 207C
1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Samuel Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Peter Clark, Ron Leino. Absent – Michael Raunio. Others present – Carolyn Pierce, Jerry Moe, Jake Engelman, Jaime McMeekin, Robert Galovich, Kelly Thimm, Michele Wick, Rebecca Severson, Tracy Ruppe, Darrell Witt, Ann Doucette, Mark Liebaert, Mark Fruehauf, Shelley Nelson, Rebecca Lovejoy, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Clark, second Lear, to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

UPDATES AND REPORTS: Budget reports attached; reviewed. **Child Support** – Continuing to learn as first year director. **Circuit Court Branch I** – Capital improvement request to address sound system failures; increase in anti-government citizens with court involvement. **Clerk of Courts** – Collected large amount of past due fines from tax refunds. **District Attorney** – Considering transition to completely paperless office; state changes could allow additional positions in office. Public Defender reimbursement rate is low, causing issues finding representation. **Medical Examiner** – 2018 imaging complete; necessary purchase of additional body bags caused extra expense. **Sheriff – Jail Division** – One position vacant.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Ordinances Replacing Ordinance #4.31, Restrictions on Sale or Gift of Cigarettes or Tobacco Products to Minors – #4.31A, Restrictions on Sale or Gift of Cigarettes Nicotine Products or Tobacco Products to Minors and #4.31B, Purchase or Possession of Cigarettes, Nicotine Products or Tobacco Products by Persons Under the Age of 18: Ordinance split into two for penalty tracking efficiency. County can only restrict nicotine, which does not encompass all vaping. All penalties are at maximum in accordance with state statute.

ACTION (ORDINANCE): Motion by Clark, second Lear, to approve Ordinance #4.31A and Ordinance #4.31B and rescind Ordinance #4.31 and refer to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Capital Project Requests –

Sheriff's Office – Replacement of Squad Computers/Tablets: Current computers were purchased in 2012 with Windows 7; Microsoft will eliminate support January 2020. Information Technology will not allow old computers on server after January 2020 due to security risks.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Leino, second Clark, to approve request to fund replacement of squad computers/tablets in the amount of \$90,054 out of the 2019 capital improvement fund and refer to Administrator and Administration/Executive Committees, and rank this request number 1 from the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Office – Replacement/Purchase of Patrol Rifles and Suppressors: Manufacturer acknowledges rifle malfunction, but will not replace; not rated for law enforcement use. Current rifles have no sound suppression; omission can cause permanent ear damage. Addition of suppression systems may allow extended use of range facility in Bennett.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve request to fund replacement/purchase of patrol rifles and suppressors in the amount of \$26,180, amending the original request to remove the hybrid sight option from the rifles, out of the 2019 capital improvement fund and refer to Administrator and Administration/Executive Committees, and rank this request number 2 from the Sheriff's Office. Motion carried.

Circuit Court Branch I – Courtroom Equipment Replacement Funding: Sound systems are over ten years old and failing in all three courtrooms. Dunn County did a similar replacement costing approximately \$30,000 a courtroom.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve request to fund courtroom equipment replacement in the amount of \$30,000 out of the 2019 capital improvement fund and refer to Administrator and Administration/Executive Committees, and rank this request number 1 from the Circuit Court Branch I. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Leino, second Lear, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk