

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, July 28, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center
1316 14th Street, Superior, Wisconsin

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

ROLL CALL: Present – Sam Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Rich Staupe. Others present – Tracy Ruppe (remote), Jaime McMeekin, Rebecca Lovejoy, Dan Nichols, Sharon Dembroski, Sheila Keup, Jerry Moe, Amber Popplewell, Tyler Edwards, Stacey Miller (remote), Shelley Nelson, Ann Doucette, Dave Sletten, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Updates and Reports:

Child Support: Dembroski reported staffing issues, with longest term employee quitting a few weeks ago, along with an office associate resignation as well.

Circuit Court Branch I: Thimm not present.

Circuit Court Branch II: Glonek not present.

Clerk of Courts: Wick not present.

Court Commissioner: Popplewell, Judicial Assistant, reported business as usual, working on solving some court reporter issues for the future.

District Attorney: Nichols, Victim Witness Coordinator, reported now back to being fully staffed.

Emergency Management: Sletten reported fully staffed as far as EM, Risk Manager still helping with dispatching; working with map response guide book on updates, final draft to be printed shortly; climate related grant being researched; 5 year upgrade to hazard mitigation plan being worked on, final plan has been submitted to State of WI Emergency Management - resolution to go to County Board in the future.

Communications Center: Sletten reported staffing still an issue, 8 of 12 positions filled; three in training, losing one to the Sheriff's Department; some part-time people helping out where able; Adam Olson and Dani Miller assisting as well; 4-5 interviews set for next week and working on outreach items for the local fair; developed a QR code for hiring; Next Gen 911 project and other grant items being worked on.

Medical Examiner: Keup reported busy month, new Deputy Medical Examiner in training who is working out very well, and still looking for one additional deputy.

Probate: McMeekin reported staff member resignation last month, working on recruitment, former employee back part time.

Sheriff – Patrol Division: Moe reported fully staffed; another retirement this fall; still awaiting new vehicle arrivals.

Sheriff – Jail Division: Edwards reported SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatuses) have been ordered, with only half received; door access control system project delayed; second floor closed currently; 7 officers will be going to jail school at the same time in the fall; down 6 employees currently; still working on getting fully staffed.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Request from Jail - Reallocation of Capital Project Funding for Camera System: Requesting approximately \$227,500 originally approved for 2nd Floor Jail Remodeling Project be reallocated for Phase 2 of Jail Security Camera Project. Edwards provided background for request – this would provide about half of the funds needed – list of cameras to be added or replaced included in the meeting packet.

ACTION (REFERRAL): Motion by Lear, second Staupé, to refer to 2023 capital projects. Motion carried.

Emergency Management – Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for Emergency Management Assistance: Formally adopting WiSMAC encouraged by the Wisconsin Emergency Management Association, as it provides a formal framework for requesting and deploying trained emergency managers statewide.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Fennessey, second Leino, to approve Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for local Emergency Management Assistance and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Communications Center – Updated Resolution Supporting Grants for Public Safety Answering Points: Sample resolution provided in meeting packet – reviewed. Sletten advised this is an updated version, designating Douglas County as the single answering point in order to be eligible for future grant funding.

ACTION (RESOLUTION): Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve resolution designating Douglas County as the single Public Safety Answering Point, and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Lear, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk