

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, September 29, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Board Room, Second Floor, Government Center**  
**1316 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Pomush.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Samuel Pomush, Rosemary Lear, Bill Fennessey, Richard Staupe. Absent - Ron Leino. Others present – Tracy Ruppe, Amber Popplewell, Michele Wick, Sharon Dembroski, Kelly Thimm, Tyler Edwards (remote), Matt Izzard, Stacy Minter, Dave Sletten, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion by Fennessey, second Staupe, to approve the August 31, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

**Updates and Reports:**

**Child Support:** Dembroski reported two open positions; interviews last few weeks, very busy due to understaffed situation.

**Circuit Court Branch I:** Thimm noted there is an attorney shortage affecting Public Defender/and county appointed cases and this may become costly to the county (Clerk of Courts budget).

**Circuit Court Branch II:** Glonek currently attending a juvenile law seminar.

**Clerk of Courts:** Wick reported down two people, one person starting on October 17, 2022; interviews week after next; a few more jury trials coming up.

**Court Commissioner:** Popplewell, Judicial Assistant, reported that anyone with a court appointed attorney is automatically entered into a repayment plan in an attempt to recover the legal fees; otherwise business as usual.

**District Attorney:** Not present.

**Emergency Management:** Sletten working on Hazard Mitigation update; emergency response map books to be distributed shortly; also working on trainings with Enbridge and refinery.

**Communications Center:** Sletten reported still short staffed (3 open out of 12); two new employees in training; backgrounds out on three potential employees; working on public service grant.

**Medical Examiner:** Not present.

**Probate:** Thimm advised new employee scheduled to start in November.

**Sheriff – Patrol Division:** Not present.

**Sheriff – Jail Division:** Minter reported down four positions; certification academy opening the end of October; second floor Huber remains closed; and day report center open.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS: Updated Hazard Mitigation Plan (WEM Approval letter):** Reviewed. Sletten provided background. Plan is updated every five years.

**ACTION (RESOLUTION):** Motion by Lear, second Fennessey, to approve updated Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented and forward to County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

**Future Agenda Items:** Out of county inmate agreements; feasibility of new jail.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Fennessey, second Lear, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk