

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Douglas County Board of Supervisors**  
**Thursday, October 28, 2021, 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, Peter Clark, Ron Leino. Others present – Shelley Nelson, Mark Liebaert, Sheila Keup, Dani Miller, Stacey Minter (remote), Michele Wick, Ann Doucette, Carolyn Pierce, Tracy Ruppe, Dave Sletten, Jaime McMeekin, Amber Popplewell, Jerry Moe, Tyler Edwards, Tom Dalbec, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to approve the minutes from the August 26, 2021, meeting. Motion carried.

**Updates and Reports:**

**Child Support:** Not present (at training).

**Circuit Court Branch I:** Not present (at mandatory training). Everything going well per McMeekin.

**Circuit Court Branch II:** Not present (at mandatory training).

**Clerk of Courts:** Wick reported status quo – collections up.

**Court Commissioner:** Not present (at mandatory training).

**District Attorney:** Not present (out of the area for a case meeting).

**Emergency Management:** Sletten reported grants closing out in progress; last week annual WI EM conference held; training in department being held for damage assessment.

**Communications Center:** Sletten reported down 2 of 12 spots in dispatch center; training held at Hawthorne facility; also in-house training. Upgrade to panic alarm system completed and on budget.

**Medical Examiner:** Keup reported things are going well, been very busy.

**Probate:** McMeekin reported things going well.

**Sheriff – Patrol Division:** Dalbec reported fully staffed.

**Sheriff – Jail Division:** Edwards reported conducting interviews this week with 24 applicants; hope to have enough successful applicants to fill 7 open spots if all background checks go through.

**ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:**

**Request Corporation Counsel Legal Opinion Regarding Whether the Sheriff has to Accept all Municipal Offenders:** Both WCA and the WI DOC advised Sheriff should accept all municipal offenders.

**ACTION (REFERRAL):** Motion by Lear, second Leino, to request opinion from Corporation Counsel. Motion carried.

**Request for Revision of Holiday Pay Schedule for Communication Center Workers:** Request is for Communication Center employees to receive holiday pay similar to other county employees, equating to 10 eight hour holidays. Sletten reported fiscal impact from request would be approximately \$25,000 each year.

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

**Budgetary Transfer:** Jail Capital Projects - Estimate for second floor remodel was increased – requesting additional \$7,900 for project change order to get work completed.

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

**Future Agenda Items:** Corporation Counsel legal opinion regarding whether Sheriff has to accept all municipal misdemeanor arrestees and parole or probation violators.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Staube, second Lear, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk