

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Douglas County Board of Supervisors
Thursday, December 30, 2021, 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, Peter Clark, Ron Leino, Richard Staupé. Others present – Michele Wick, Tyler Edwards, Jaime McMeekin, Linda Corbin, Ann Doucette, Mary Martin, Rebecca Lovejoy, Tracy Ruppe, Shelley Nelson, Dani Miller, Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Motion by Lear, second Clark, to approve the October 28, 2021, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Updates and Reports:

Child Support: Dembroski reported fully staffed, training in progress, doing well.

Clerk of Courts: Wick reported short staffed, budget looking good.

Emergency Management: Miller reported grants closed for 2021.

Communications Center: Miller reported short staffed for last three months, two people in training currently. Wage incentives being worked on, and training pay increase was approved.

Probate: McMeekin reported assistant retirement next week; applicant from Clerk of Court starting January 3rd.

Sheriff – Jail Division: Edwards reported still down ten staff. No new cases of COVID in December. Training cells were completed the week before Christmas.

ACTION ITEMS/REFERRALS:

Jailer Recruitment and Retention Sign-On Bonus Program: Edwards working with Administration and Sheriff on this two-year program offering a \$4,200 bonus for current and new employees. Employees must stay the full two years to get the bonus. If employees quit during the two year timeframe, they have to pay money back in full. Program would be monitored for successfulness periodically, and is not permanent. Other counties are seeing good results with similar programs.

ACTION (REFERRAL/RESOLUTION): Motion by Clark, second Leino, to approve Jailer Recruitment and Retention Sign-On Bonus Program as presented and forward to Administration Committee and County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Budgetary Transfer: Project Proposal – Day Report Center – Jail Lobby: Budgetary transfer in the amount of \$57,000 requested for jail lobby project. Part of the project is already done, small area utilized for various purposes.

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

Future Agenda Items: Corporation Counsel Sheriff Department opinion.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Clark, second Leino, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Submitted by,

Cheryl Westman, Committee Clerk