

RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, June 3, 2022

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 8:30am in the County Board Room of the Richland County Court House in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present at the meeting were: Committee Chair Melissa Luck and Committee members David Turk, Kerry Severson, Bob Frank, Barbara Voyce and Richard McKee. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Clay Porter, Chief Deputy Aaron Wallace, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Richland County Clerk of Circuit Court Stacy Kleist, DA Jennifer Harper, Jenifer Laue, Barb Scott, Daren Gudgeon, Clinton Langreck and Mike Day from True North.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order: Committee Vice Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for June 3, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting: Committee Vice Chair Frank confirmed that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Frank declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for June 3, 2022 Meeting: Motioned by Richard McKee to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the May 13, 2022 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Melissa Luck to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: No info from the coroner for this meeting.

Agenda Item #6: Clerk of Court Update: Clerk of Court Kleist gives her updates to the committee members. Kleist informed the committee that Lisa McDougal has been confirmed as the newly appointed judge for Richland County. Kleist presented a small white board video regarding what the Clerks of Court offices do in the State of Wisconsin.

Agenda Item #7: Probate Updates: Jenifer Laue talked about the situation with a new judge now being assigned to Richland County and how the reserve judges will still work with the court cases for the county. Laue went over her expenses for the month and discussed a payment for attorney fees.

Agenda Item #8: District Attorney Updates: Not available for this meeting.

Agenda Item #9: Emergency Management: Daren Gudgeon informed the committee that next month he will have budget reports to present to the committee. Gudgeon would like to have mitigation survey reports on the next agenda for July, the

other project which is being worked on is the Emergency Response Plan for the county.

Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's

Department reports: The Sheriff went over the invoices for the month, motion to approve the invoices made by Richard McKee, second to this motion by Melissa Luck. Motion approved.

Sheriff Porter went over the jail statistic report with the committee members and noted a letter of appreciation from Training and Standards regarding an audit on our employee records. Luck stated that Sheriff Porter should forward that on to Administrator Langreck so that he may share that letter with the County Board.

Agenda Item #11: Filling open positions in the Sheriff's Department:

Chief Deputy Wallace talked last month about filling two positions in the department. Wallace did some research and put together some numbers of what the costs would be for the department. Mostly an informational discussion at this point as we do not have candidates that are certified.

Agenda Item #12: Discuss department active shooter training:

Melissa Luck asked to have this on the agenda to discuss and go over active shooter training, what training is already done and what needs to be done in the future. Sheriff Porter discussed training that is being done and needed training as well as providing the committee members with the department's Rapid Response and Deployment policy. There was discussion on RTF (Rescue Task Force) training that the county currently has set up and training that may be needed. Sheriff Porter stated that members of the county and city went into the local schools and did active shooter training with the schools. Luck would like Sheriff Porter to come up with a plan and goals for this type of training and prioritize this and what would be most effective on making sure everyone is given the right tools for an active shooter incident. Porter states that the SRT team has good equipment, but is in need of more equipment such as body armor and possibly ballistic helmets. There was discussion on the policy and wording stating action in stopping the threat.

Agenda Item #13: Radio Tower project vendor contract negotiation:

Chairperson Luck talked about the presentations for the vendors of the radio tower project. Mike Day from True North went over the vendor presentations and stated no major changes were made to the report, his recommendation is for the nine site design, two green field sites, four channels (paging and highway channels included), and removing the subscriber radios from the project. Mr. Day stated that his recommendation would be the proposal from General Communications which met the project design with nine sites and four channels, and was the most complete proposal wanted by the county and ranked above the proposal from Baycom which had an eight site, three channel proposal. There was a discussion regarding coverage for Cazenovia and Viola area and making sure the intercoms were working within the jail. Motion to take Mr. Days recommendation and begin contract negotiations with General Communications and make clear in the negotiations of the coverage for Cazenovia and Viola area made by Melissa Luck, second to the motion by Bob Frank. There was more discussion by the committee regarding coverage areas for Lone Rock as well as the other coverage areas, and equipment needs for proper communication. Motion approved. From this point the committee has authorized Mike to begin contract

negotiations with General Communications as the primary vendor and if they are not able to meet the needs of the county then the county would fall back to the secondary vendor. The resolution would need to go to the next county board meeting ranking the vendors and beginning contract negotiations.

Agenda Item #14: Radio Tower project updates: Nothing further on this item.

Agenda Item #15: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Radio – some issue from Yuba regarding radio contact. Squads – nothing new with squads all squads are back on the road. There was some issue with the oil filters and an oil filter ring malfunction. Mapping – Some info on future granting and funding regarding mapping.

Agenda Item #16: Future agenda items: Emergency Management Plan, and retirement recognition for Lt. Dane Kanable.

Agenda Item #17: Adjourn; Motion by Kerry Severson to adjourn until the regular Public Safety Committee meeting on Friday, July 1, 2021 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Barbara Voyce. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler