

RICHLAND COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, September 2, 2022

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Public Safety Committee met on Friday, September 2, 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 Kerry Severson, Bob Frank, Richard McKee, Ken Rynes and Barbara Voyce. 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, Judge Lisa McDougal, Jenifer Laue, Darin Gudgeon and Barb Scott.

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

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

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for September 2, 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 August 5, 2022 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Ken Rynes to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: Sheriff Porter went over the coroner updates with the committee members.

Agenda Item #6: Circuit Court Judge updates/comments: Judge McDougal discussed items going on in the courtroom and is very appreciative of the staff she is surrounded by. The courtroom is having some audio issues and IT is assisting with that issue. There are also audio issues in the small courtroom as well as no ability to provide zoom services in that courtroom. McDougal stated she will be working on setting up a courtroom security meeting in the future.

Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Update

a. Clerk of Court Kleist informed the committee that she does not have the monthly reports yet from the Clerk's office, she will get those out to the committee members when they become available. Kleist talked about some collection and account issues that needed correcting.

b. Kleist states that she would like one of her staff members be moved from a Deputy Clerk of Court to a Chief Deputy Clerk of Court and is asking approval of the committee for this reclassification which will be moved to Grade H. This reclassification has been added into the 2023 budget for her department. Motion to

amend the original request of asking for the reclassification to take place in January of 2023 made by Ken Rynes, second to this amendment by Kerry Severson. Amended motion approved. Motion to approve this reclassification as of October 1, 2022 and move forward to Finance & Personnel made by Ken Rynes, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved.

c. Kleist would like to see the juror rate be increased from \$16 per day to \$40 for a full day and half day rate of \$20 for a juror which would begin January 1, 2023. Motion to approve this rate increase and to move forward to Finance and Personnel made by Barbara Voyce, second to this motion by Richard McKee. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #8: Probate Updates: Jen Laue talked about the case load in the courtroom is quite full and Richland County is providing coverage for Iowa county as well to cover the retirement of the Iowa County Judge. Laue discussed her budget briefly with the committee members.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: Not available for this meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Emergency Management: Director Gudgeon stated his department is in the process of moving to their new location, he is hoping that they will be able to move during the middle of September.

Agenda Item #11: Discussion and possible action on the All Hazards Mitigation Plan: Director Gudgeon stated that the idea of posting information online was requested by a committee member, so that will be looked into as the public does look to online to find information. The plan has been published online and also sent out to the Observer, WRCO and outlying counties. Director Gudgeon is looking to get a resolution approval for this mitigation plan.

Agenda Item #12: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: The committee looked over the invoices to pay for the month. Motion to approve payment of the invoices made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved. Sheriff Porter went over the jail statistics for the month. The new K-9 will be picked out next week and training will take place for that the next 12 weeks.

Agenda Item #13: Additional future jail repairs: Sheriff Porter informed the committee that the contractor for the showers came in yesterday to look over what repairs needs to be done and when they can schedule a time to come in and complete the work. The showers, benches and tables will be repaired. Camera systems for the jail will be in later this year to early next year. The annual jail inspection will be done on October 18, 2022.

Agenda Item #14: Strategic plan for future jail: Luck stated that in the strategic plan it states the current state of the jail is to be reviewed by the committee. Luck states as a committee it needs to be addressed reasons a new jail is needed. Pine Valley is on the books until 2038 and so there is not a way to really be able to approve a new jail before then. There are a lot of visibility issues with the current jail, current jails are built in a "pod" based system now which is not how the current jail is designed, there is not storage or room for classes/religious services and the current

facility is aging. Luck states options need to be evaluated and what the cost options. Sheriff Porter states the county would need to have some type of housing facility and still continue to have jailers and dispatchers. Luck would like the other committee members to look over the strategic plan, to look at the annual jail inspection reports and to also take a tour of the current jail.

Agenda Item #15: Radio Tower Project updates: Barb Scott stated that the dispatch consoles are on the way and should be here soon. What will take place is both the old and new consoles will be working together for a while until training is taking place.

Agenda Item #16: WI Counties Public Safety Committee: Committee Vice Chair Frank went over the resolutions and information that the state is working towards possibly getting passed with the committee members that deal with the Clerk of Court offices, District Attorney's offices and Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Departments. Frank feels that there is a lot of verbage that would benefit our county's law enforcement and other departments.

Agenda Item #17: Referendum Ad Hoc Committee Report: Bob Frank went over the report going over where the county is currently and the direction the county needs to go from here with possible referendum funding and what it would mean to county services if a referendum funding is not approved.

Agenda Item #18: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Sheriff Porter stated the 2022 squads are still on order but do not have a clear date of when those vehicles will be here. Sheriff Porter went over the mileage chart with the committee members.

Agenda Item #19: Future agenda items: Resolution for retirement of Deputy Ken Moe.

Agenda Item #20: Adjourn; Motion by Richard McKee to adjourn until the regular Public Safety Committee meeting on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler