

Richland County Public Safety Standing Committee

July 5, 2024

The Richland County Public Safety Standing Committee convened on Friday, July 5, 2024 in person and virtually at 8:30 AM in the County Boardroom of the Richland County Courthouse.

Call To Order: Committee Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

Roll Call: Deputy Clerk Hege conducted roll call. Committee member(s) present: David Turk via WebEx, Bob Frank, Kerry Severson, and Julie Fleming. Committee member(s) absent: Gary Manning, Craig Woodhouse, and Chad Cosgrove.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Deputy Clerk Hege confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Approval Of Agenda: Motion by Fleming, second by Severson to approve agenda. Motion carried and agenda declared approved.

Approval Of Minutes From June 7, 2024 Meeting: Motion by Fleming, second by Severson to approve June 7, 2024 minutes. Motion carried and minutes declared approved.

Public Comment: None.

Reports:

- A. Sheriff – Departmental Activities & Projects:** Sheriff Porter presented the Sheriff’s Monthly Report to the committee. Brief discussion ensued.
- J. Mapping, Radio Systems, and Squad Updates:** Sheriff Porter presented the Squad Mileage Report to the committee. Brief discussion ensued.
- B. Coroner - Departmental Activities & Projects:** Mr. Rossing was not in attendance and Sheriff Porter stated that he had not received any report from the Coroner.
- C. Circuit Court Judge - Departmental Activities & Projects:** Register in Probate, Ms. Jenifer Laue gave report on behalf of Judge McDougal. The Judge is working with Administrator Pesch to get a separate budget. The Courthouse Security Committee met and there has been progress made with making the Courthouse and court rooms more secure, including installing a peephole in the Judge’s chambers door. The official report from the Capital Police was submitted to the Judge and due to its length, an abbreviated version will be presented to the Public Safety Committee in August. Brief discussion ensued.
- E. Register In Probate - Departmental Activities & Projects:** Register in Probate, Ms. Jenifer Laue, briefly spoke on the Register in Probate budget projections, currently at 41% usage and office case load. Brief discussion ensued.
- D. Clerk Of Court - Departmental Activities & Projects:** Committee Chair Frank reported that Clerk of Court Kleist was out of town and there was nothing to report.

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- F. District Attorney - Departmental Activities & Projects:** There was no representation from the DA's Office. The DA is out of town and the court is closed due to the holiday.
- G. Emergency Management - Departmental Activities & Projects:** John Heinen, Community Emergency Coordinator/Haz Planner gave report on the flooding and storms that have happened in the county and the flooding projections for the rest of the summer. Mr. Heinen spoke on the need to collect storm and flood damage data. Discussion ensued.
- H. PSAP & GIS Grants:** MIS Director Scott reported on the process and progression with closing out the 2023 PSAP grant and 2023 NG911 Grant, and the reception of the 2024 NG911 grant.
- I. Radio Tower Project:** MIS Director Scott reported that the recent rains have slowed down the building of roads to the new tower sites. Other aspects of the radio tower project are progressing on schedule. The bird survey came back and there are none of the protected bird living in the proposed tower site area. Ms. Scott raised questions on the internal billing process of the county in regards to zoning permits. Extended discussion ensued.
- J. Mapping, Radio Systems, And Squad Updates:** MIS Director Scott gave a brief update on the mapping systems. Brief discussion ensued.

Approval of Monthly Invoices: Sheriff Porter gave a brief explanation of the monthly invoices. Brief discussion ensued. Motion by Fleming, second by Severson to approve the Sheriff's Department's monthly invoices. Motion carried and the monthly invoices were approved.

Discussion & Possible Action: Jail Mental Health Contract: Sheriff Porter gave a brief explanation. Discussion ensued. Motion by Fleming, second by Severson to approve the Jail Mental Health Contract. Extensive discussion on alternate options ensued. Sheriff Porter will research whether or not it is possible for an inmate to use the National Crisis line: 988. Further discussion ensued. Motion by Severson to amend the motion to approve the Jail Mental Health Contract to be a motion to approve the Jail Mental Health Contract and to have Sheriff Porter write a resolution continuing the services to forward on to County Board, second by Fleming. Motion carried and the Jail Mental Health Contract was approved and Sheriff Porter will write a resolution continuing the services to forward on to County Board for approval.

Discussion & Possible Action: Sale of Sheriff's Office Surplus Firearms: Sheriff Porter briefly explained that this would disposing of the aging rifles for the Sheriff's Department and any monies from the sale would be spent on replacement rifles. Discussion ensued. No action taken. Item moved to August 2024 meeting.

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval Of Amendments To The Richland County Sheriff's Department Ordinance No. 89-7 Relating To Department Staffing & Hiring Practices: Discussion ensued. No action taken.

Discussion & Possible Action: Approval To Deviate From Sheriff's Office Ordinance No. 89-7 Relating To Department Staffing & Hiring: Discussion ensued. Committee Chair Frank set a special

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meeting of the Public Safety Standing Committee for July 16, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sheriff's Conference Room to conduct interviews for Jailer/Dispatch Positions. No other action taken.

Correspondence: None

Future Agenda Items: Sale of Sheriff's Office Surplus Firearms, Jail Tour for new County Board members, Courthouse Security Report, and Sheriff's Office Ordinance No. 89-7.

Adjourn: Committee Chair Frank entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion by Fleming, second by Turk to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9:44 AM.



Myranda H. Hege
Deputy County Clerk