

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – October 22, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 5:00 P.M. on October 22, 2015 in the Jury Deliberation Room, fifth floor, Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Brill, Fell, Knudson and Wiedenfeld.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Sheriff Robert Spoden, Chief Deputy Barbara Tillman, Commander Troy Knudson, Commander Erik Chellevoid, Captain Jude Maurer, Captain Todd Christiansen, and Diane Michaelis, Sheriff's Office; and Annette Mikula, Human Resources Director.

Others Present: Supervisors Podzilni and Kraft.

Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Fell moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. None.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations. None.

Bills/Encumbrances. None.

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

Budget Review.

Sheriff's Office Sheriff Spoden handed out an appeal to the 2016 Recommended Budget requesting two new deputy sheriff positions (attached). He said the current staffing levels date back to the 1980s, and the data in the report does not include the special Beloit activity. Sheriff Spoden said the request is to fund an additional 1.0 FTE deputy effective January 1, 2016, the second deputy position, to begin July 1, 2016, is already in the 2016 Recommended Budget.

Sheriff Spoden said the estimated cost of the request is approximately \$70,000. Since the office's budget was developed in May, he and his staff have identified several revenue adjustments and expense reductions totaling \$32,000, and requested the balance of funds, \$38,000, would need to come from other County sources.

Mr. Smith suggested the following: a decrease in County Farm rent of \$12,000; a decrease in Computer Aids tax of \$6,000; and increase in Transportation Aids of \$55,000; for a net increase of \$37,000. He said should the Committee support the Sheriff's request these funds could be applied.

Supervisor Knudson thanked the Committee for holding the special meeting and mentioned that he has been receiving calls from his town officials requesting more visibility of the Sheriff's patrol.

Supervisor Knudson moved to recommend the Sheriff's request for one FTE deputy position effective January 1, 2016 with funds of approximately \$32,000 to come from Sheriff's Office revenue/expenses, and the remainder to come mainly from tax now available due to the increase in transportation aids totaling approximately \$38,000, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Chair Beaver asked the Sheriff about the use of retired law enforcement people to perform mental health transports and Sheriff responded that he is still pursuing this.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved adjournment at 5:27 P.M., second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Randolph D. Terronez
Assistant to the County Administrator

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

ROBERT D. SPODEN
ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF

BARBARA J. TILLMAN
CHIEF DEPUTY

October 21, 2015

TO: Public Safety & Justice Committee:
Mary Beaver
Hank Brill
Terry Fell
Brian Knudson
Larry Wiedenfeld

FR: Sheriff Spoden

RE: 2016 Recommended Budget Appeal
Request for Two New Deputy Sheriff Positions

I am formally requesting amendment of the 2016 Recommended Budget to include two full-time deputy sheriff positions. Presently, the minimum staffing levels for our patrol shifts are six (6) deputies on first shift, six (6) deputies on second shift, and five (5) deputies on third shift, to cover 720 square miles of the county. In comparing 2014 and 2015 (January through August) Rock County Sheriff's Office activity statistics, the following reflects increased demands for deputy sheriff response:

Assist Other Jurisdictions increased	102%
Drug Offenses increased	60%
Weapons Offenses increased	50%
Juvenile Runaway Offense increased	150%
Theft Offenses increased	27%
Burglary Offenses increased	22%
911 Abandon Offenses increased	12%
SWAT Calls increased	17%
Search Warrants increased	30%
Arrests increased	25%
Traffic Stop increased	21%
Traffic Citations increased	30%
Traffic Warnings increased	61%
Operating While Intoxicated Arrests increased	18%
Detective Death Investigations increased	50%
Detective Burglary Investigations increased	80%
Detective Theft Investigations increased	254%
Detective Assist Other Jurisdictions increased	62%
Detective Arrests increased	88%
Calls for Service – Complaints increased	4.5%

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- Other demands include a 45% increase from 2013-2014 in mental health transports, with the time factor increased due to the greater distance to Winnebago Mental Health Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, compared to Mendota Mental Health Institute in Madison, Wisconsin.
- The complexity of investigations related to computer crimes such as fraud, identity theft, child pornography internet crimes against children, and human trafficking consume deputies' time and detectives' time.
- Sexual assault investigations are lengthy and result in the investigating deputy spending time with the victim at the hospital and conducting victim interviews.
- Death investigations including suicides require in depth investigation and crime scene protection which takes deputies' time.
- When inmates are hospitalized, public safety requires that the inmate be under guard at the hospital. This results in a deputy being assigned to guard the inmate in his/her hospital room.
- Family Court matters (divorce, child support) are often contentious or confrontational and require a deputy to provide courtroom or mediation security. This is in addition to deputies providing courthouse security, court security for criminal cases, and prisoner transport to/from jail to court.
- As a result of deputy traffic enforcement efforts, all traffic crashes are down 13%, including a 6% decrease in property damage only crashes, a 26% decrease in injury crashes, and a 29% decrease in fatality crashes.
- Deputy sheriffs are utilized for special assignments such as house moves, 4-H Fair security, Dairy Breakfast, MDA Tub Run, Special Olympics, recreational safety water patrol, snowmobile patrol, Cops 'N Bobbers, Gutter Busters, National Night Out, career fairs, and crime prevention events.
- We are also making contingency plans in the event that Representative Paul Ryan is elected Speaker of the House.