



**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – August 20, 2018**

**Call to Order.** Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. in Conference Room N-1, Fifth Floor, Courthouse East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Beaver, Owens, Fell, Hawes and Knudson.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Deputy Bambi Stoikes, Sheriff's Office; Emily Jernigan, Child Support Director; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Supervisor, Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Circuit Court.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Mawhinney and Brown; Ruth Kolpacek and Wayne Skottum, Justice Overcoming Borders (JOB); Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette.

**Adoption of Agenda.** Supervisor Owens moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information.** None.

**Adoption of Minutes.** Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of August 6, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers** None.

**Resolutions.**

**Jury Appreciation Month**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018:

- Educate the public about jury duty and the importance of jury service; and,
- Applaud the efforts of jurors who fulfill their civic duty; and,
- Ensure that all jurors are treated with respect and that their service is not unduly burdensome.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors extends its sincere thanks and appreciation to all employers who pay employees

their normal wages while allowing them to serve as jurors, preventing financial hardship and fostering community strength.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors honors the service and commitment of citizens who perform jury duty, who by participating in the judicial process aid those elected to serve the citizens of Rock County by preserving the rule of law, the basis for a free society.”

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Hawes. ADOPTED.

**Amending Section 3.209 of the Rock County Ordinances**

“The Rock County Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, does ordain as follows:

I. Section 3.209 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follow (new language underscored, ~~deleted language crossed-out~~);

**3.209 ~~Dogs Running~~ Animals at Large, Untagged Dogs and Dogs Rabies Program**

(1) An owner, keeper, or custodian of an animal shall not permit, whether negligently or otherwise, the animal to run at large. An animal is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of the owner, keeper, or custodian and not under the control of the owner, keeper, or custodian.

(2) If the owner, keeper, or custodian of an animal negligently or otherwise permits an animal to run at large, he/she shall forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for subsequent offenses.

(3) The following Wisconsin Statutes relating to dogs are hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference including all changes, amendments and revisions now or hereafter made thereto:

(A)1. 174.02 (2) PENALTIES IMPOSED ON OWNER OF DOG CAUSING DAMAGE.

(a) *Without notice.* The owner of a dog shall forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than ~~\$100~~2,500 if the dog injures or causes injury to a person, domestic animal ~~livestock~~, property, deer, game birds or the nests or eggs of game birds.

(b) *After notice.* The owner of a dog shall forfeit not less than ~~\$100~~200 nor more than ~~\$500~~5,000 if the dog injures or causes injury to a person, domestic animal ~~livestock~~, property, deer, game birds or the nests or eggs of game birds, and if the

owner was notified or knew that the dog previously injured or caused injury to a person, domestic animal livestock, property, deer, game birds or the nests or eggs of game birds.

~~(B)2.~~ 174.042 ~~(2) & (3)~~ ~~Dogs running at large and~~ Untagged Dogs Subject to Impoundment; Penalties.

~~(1) — Dogs Running At Large. — A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person.~~

(2) UNTAGGED DOG. A dog is considered to be untagged if a valid license tag is not attached to a collar which is kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area.

(3) DOG RUNNING AT LARGE OR UNTAGGED DOG SUBJECT TO IMPOUNDMENT. Any officer ~~may and a humane officer~~ shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog running at large and any untagged dog.

~~(4) — Penalties. — If the owner of a dog negligently or otherwise permits the dog to run at large or be untagged, the owner shall forfeit not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for subsequent offenses.~~

~~(C)3.~~ 95.21 Rabies control program.

(2) RABIES VACCINATION REQUIRED FOR DOGS.

(a) *Requirement for vaccination.* Except as required in s. 174.054 or sub. (9)(d), Wis. Stats., the owner of a dog shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian or, if a veterinarian is physically present at the location the vaccine is administered, by a veterinary technician, pursuant to s. 89.05(2)(d), at no later than 5 months within 30 days after the dog reaches 4 months of age and revaccinated within one year after the initial vaccination. If the owner obtains the dog or brings the dog into this state after the dog has reached 5 4 months of age, the owner shall have the dog vaccinated against rabies within 30 days after the dog is obtained or brought into the state unless the dog has been vaccinated as evidenced by a current certificate of rabies vaccination from this state or another state. The owner of a dog shall have the dog revaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian or, if a veterinarian is physically present at the location the vaccine is administered,

by a veterinary technician, pursuant to s. 89.05(2)(d), before the date that the immunization expires as stated on the certificate of vaccination or, if no date is specified, within 3 years after the previous vaccination.

(4) QUARANTINE OR SACRIFICE OF AN ANIMAL SUSPECTED OF BITING A PERSON OR BEING INFECTED OR EXPOSED TO RABIES.

(a) *Quarantine or sacrifice of dog or cat.* An officer shall order a dog or cat quarantined if the officer has reason to believe that the animal bit a person, is infected with rabies or has been in contact with a rabid animal. If a quarantine cannot be imposed because the dog or cat cannot be captured, the officer may kill the animal. The officer may kill a dog or cat only as a last resort or if the owner agrees. The officer shall attempt to kill the animal in a humane manner and in a manner which avoids damage to the animal's head.

(5) QUARANTINE OF DOG OR CAT.

(a) *Delivery to isolation facility or quarantine on premises of owner.* An officer who orders a dog or cat to be quarantined shall deliver the animal or shall order the animal delivered to an isolation facility as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after the original order is issued or the officer may order the animal to be quarantined on the premises of the owner if the animal is immunized currently against rabies as evidenced by a valid certificate of rabies vaccination or other evidence. If an officer delivers a dog or orders a dog to be delivered to an isolation facility and the dog is exempt from the requirement to be vaccinated against rabies under sub. (9)(d), the owner of the dog may choose an isolation facility that is a veterinary hospital.

(10) PENALTIES.

(a) *Failure to obtain rabies vaccination.* An owner who fails to have a dog vaccinated against rabies as required under sub. (2)(a) may be required to forfeit not less than \$50 nor more than \$100.

(b) *Refusal to comply with order or quarantine.* An owner who refuses to comply with an order issued under this section to deliver an animal to an officer, isolation facility or veterinarian or who does not comply with the conditions of an order that an animal be quarantined shall be fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$1,000.

(4) Abatement of Violations.

(A) Issuance of Order. If a humane officer or law enforcement officer after investigation has reasonable grounds to believe that a violation of a statute or ordinance is occurring and the violation is causing or has the potential to cause injury to an animal, the humane officer or law enforcement officer may issue and serve an order of abatement directed to named persons.

(B) Content of Order. An abatement order issued under sub. (A) shall contain all of the following:

- (1) The name and address of the person to whom directed.
- (2) The statute or ordinance alleged to be violated.
- (3) A prohibition on further violations.
- (4) A description of measures necessary to correct the alleged violation.
- (5) A description of the hearing and appeal provisions under subs. (C) and (E)

(C) Hearing. Any person named in an abatement order may appeal such order to the Rock County Administrator or his/her designee within 10 days of service of the order. The hearing shall be held within 10 days after the request is made, unless the requester agrees to a later date. The hearing shall be informal in nature.

(D) Decision. Within 10 days after the hearing, the Rock County Administrator or his/her designee shall affirm the order, modify and affirm the order or withdraw the order.

(E) Appeal. Any person adversely affected by a decision under sub. (3) may seek judicial review by commencing an action in circuit court within 30 days after the day that the decision is issued.

II. Section 3.209 shall be effective upon publication.”

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Fell.

Supervisor Knudson said in some parts of the ordinance Humane Officer is removed and in other areas it is left in, this should be consistent. He asked if cattle, horses, goats, etc. are all included in 3.209(2). Deputy Stoikes said she did not write the changes but she would think it would include all animals, and as for the Humane Officer it should be both any officer and Humane Officer.

Chair Beaver said it is only referring to dogs in regards to rabies vaccinations and if cats should be included. Deputy Stoikes said this is per State Statute.

ADOPTED.

**In Support of Increasing State Funding for and Expanding Access to the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, does hereby urge the Governor and State Legislature to enhance public safety and reduce unnecessary Corrections related expenditures by:

1. Increasing funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) Grant Program by \$15 million annually;
2. Changing the TAD statute so that people who were once convicted of a violent crime can be eligible if the new crime is non-violent in nature;
3. Focusing the growth in TAD in four main areas;
  - a. Expansion of all forms of treatment courts;
  - b. Expansion of programs that address substance abuse treatment for those in the criminal justice system;
  - c. Expansion of funding for treatment alternatives that are targeted to the communities that have the state’s highest incarceration rates.
  - d. Provide adequate administrative support at the Wisconsin Department of Justice to administer TAD funded programs;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Wisconsin Counties Association and the Rock County Legislative Delegation.”

Supervisor Owens moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Hawes.

Supervisor Brown said this is a lobbying resolution.

Ms. Kolpacek said she is President of JOB and they are asking for funds to be put toward treatment instead of incarceration.

Mr. Skottum said TAD impacts people in a number of ways and that each addicted person helped also helps four additional people, such as a parent or child. He said these additional funds would be an investment in people.

ADOPTED.

**Updates.**

**Child Support Overview** Ms. Jernigan went over the Child Support Department’s Mission Statement and that the reason for having a plan is very common in the child support community. Ms. Jernigan said they have four main goals: 1) Improve Child Support Outcomes to Strengthen Families; Align local goals with Federal and State child support goals that focus on promoting child and family well-being and self-sufficiency. 2) Increase Case Management

Efficiency and Effectiveness: Improve caseload size per case worker and utilize targeted case management to allow case workers to focus on cases that have the best potential outcomes for our children and families. 3) Utilize Technology Solutions to Improve Customer Service: Automated solutions can increase efficiency, improve communications with peers, stakeholders, and partners, and help offset the existing staffing short falls until funding is available. 4) Strengthen Staff Commitment: Adhere to the policy directives of the County Administrator and the Rock County Board of Supervisors, the Bureau of Child Support, and other State and Federal Agencies.

Ms. Jernigan said she would like to invest in her staff so we can keep them and not have as much staff turnover. She added that we need help in meeting the state's goals in collections.

Supervisor Owens asked what the caseload is for each caseworker. Ms. Wittwer said the current caseloads are about 1,350 per worker. Ms. Jernigan added that industry standard is about 500 cases per caseworker.

**Committee Requests and Motions.** Supervisor Owens thanked Mr. Terronez for the report he put together on the Sheriff's Office staffing, and that he had done an outstanding job.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 4:15 P.M., second by Supervisor Hawes. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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