



**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – August 17, 2020**

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 5:00 P.M. via teleconference.

Committee Members Present via Phone/Video: Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Taylor, Knudson and Rynes.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present via Phone/Video: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Brian Becker, Communications Center Operations Manager; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Commander Erik Chellevoid and Captain Jay Wood, Sheriff’s Office.

Others Present. None.

Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Rynes moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – August 3, 2020. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the minutes of August 3, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Public Comment. None.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers None.

Review of Payments The Committee accepted the reports.

Resolutions and Committee Approval.

Amending Section 3.206(20) of the Rock County Ordinances (Possession of Controlled Substance)

“The Rock County Board of Supervisors at its regular meeting this ____ day of _____, 2020, does ordain as follows:

I. That section 3.206(20) of the Rock County Public Peace and Order Ordinance is amended to read as follows:

3.206(20) 961.41(3) POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE

(a) Subject to subsection (am), it is unlawful for any person to possess a controlled substance, as that term is defined in Chapter 961, Wisconsin Statutes, other than a controlled substance classified in Schedule I or II of Chapter 961, Wisconsin Statutes, which is a narcotic drug, unless the substance was obtained directly from, or pursuant to a valid prescription or order of, a practitioner as defined in Chapter 961, Wisconsin Statutes, while acting in the course of his professional practice, or except as otherwise authorized by Chapter 961, Wisconsin Statutes.

(am) It is unlawful for any person to possess 28 grams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol as defined and including in Wis. Stat. § 961.14(4)(t).

(b) Except as provided in subsection (bm), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Wisconsin Statutes § 961.573 is adopted by reference and made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein.

(bm) It is unlawful for any person to possess drug paraphernalia as defined by Wis. Stat. § 961.571(1)(a)(11).

(c) Penalties: Any person who violates this section shall be, upon conviction, subject to a forfeiture not to exceed \$500, as described below:

1. For violation of subsection (a), a forfeiture not to exceed \$500.
2. For violation of subsection (am) a forfeiture of \$1.
3. For violation of subsection (b) a forfeiture no to exceed \$500.
4. For violation of subsection (bm) a forfeiture of \$1.

II. Section 3.206(20) shall be effective upon publication.”

Supervisor Taylor moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Bomkamp.

Supervisor Taylor went over the proposed changes to the ordinance. These changes would only be for Rock County and would go into effect from the date of adoption.

ADOPTED.

Request from Public Defender’s Office to Issue Contractors Badges to the Public Defender’s Office Attorneys Supervisor Rynes moved approval of the request, second by Supervisor Taylor.

Mr. Sutherland and Captain Wood explained this request has come up a number of times at the Courthouse Safety meetings. The Public Defenders are private attorneys hired by the State and do not have offices in the building. Mr. Sutherland added that contractors badges have to be managed manually, which creates more risk.

Captain Wood said the Sheriff’s Office does not feel they should have badges and that the intent of the security at the Courthouse was for more security not easy accessibility.

Supervisor Bomkamp said he feels the more going through the front the better.

Chair Beaver said she feels we need to keep the courthouse a safe place, to follow the direction of the Sheriff's Office, and this is the reason we spent so much money on securing the courthouse.

DENIED on the following vote: YES – none; NO – Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Knudson, Rynes and Taylor.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Bomkamp moved adjournment at 5:25 P.M., second by Supervisor Rynes. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Office Coordinator

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