



PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – February 3, 2020

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, Fell, Knudson, Owens and Bomkamp.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Kathy Sucus, 911 Communications Center Director; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Chief Deputy Craig Strouse, Captain Curt Fell, Sheriff's Office; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director.

Others Present: Supervisor Russ Podzilni; Ed Jones, Global Security.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. Chair Beaver and staff wished Supervisor Podzilni a happy birthday.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of January 6, 2020 and January 23, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers None.

Resolutions and Committee Approval.

Establishing an Advisory Committee to Study the Effects of an Electromagnetic Pulse on Rock County and its Infrastructure

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2020 does establish the ad hoc Advisory Committee to Study the Effects on an Electromagnetic Pulse on County Infrastructure in order to study and make policy recommendations concerning the effects of an electromagnetic pulse on infrastructure in Rock County, including, but not limited to, 911 and related emergency response and dispatch systems, IT systems, and

operational continuity including the estimated costs of such effects and policy recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee shall be composed of nine people, two of whom shall be selected from the members of the Rock County Board of Supervisors and seven of whom shall be selected from personnel and departments that may be most affected by such an event, including, but not limited to, the Rock County 911 Center, the Rock County Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies, Rock-IT, Municipal Fire and EMS agencies, risk management, and local municipal administration.”

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

Supervisor Owens explained this comes from SkilledSurvival.com and can come from: an E1 Pulse such as a nuclear warhead; an E2 Pulse such as a lightning strike; or an E3 Pulse such as a geomagnetic storm caused by a solar flare. These have the power to change the world as they would pretty much take out everything; power grids, computers, phones, aircraft, banking systems, internet servers, and anything with a microchip. He said there are things that can help protect like a Faraday Cage. He said he feels we need a committee to look into this and what can be done to protect Rock County.

ADOPTED.

Authorizing Acceptance of Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Program Grant

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds under the Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2020 budget be amended as follows:

...”

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

Authorization for Radio System Equipment Upgrade and Simulcast

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 that a contract be awarded to General Communications, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$539,445.01 to coordinate and implement this project.”

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

Authorizing Part-Time Positions for Courthouse Security and Amending the 2020 Sheriff's Office Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020, that the Sheriff's Office is authorized to hire 2.2 FTE part-time Court Deputies, which may include up to 7 individuals working less than 0.5 FTE each.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2020 Rock County budget be amended as follows:

...”

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

Chief Deputy Strouse said this will be for 252 days of coverage and he would strongly recommend hiring back a few recently retired Sheriff's Deputies. He said he feels using part-time Deputies they will be able to better manage the schedule of when we need a single Deputy and when two would be needed. Chief Deputy Strouse added that he feels using the retired Deputies on a part-time basis the cost will come in under what had previously been thought.

Supervisor Owens reminded the Sheriff and Chief Deputy that we need to work on keeping the costs as low as possible as we need to answer to the tax-payers.

Chair Beaver asked where the funds would be coming from to cover the costs. Chief Deputy Strouse said \$55,125 would be coming from the remainder left from the security contract (Facilities Management) and \$93,918 will be from the General Fund. He added that next year the entire amount of about \$162,000 will be out of the Sheriff's budget.

Chair Beaver asked how many people would be hired. Chief Deputy Strouse said the contract is for up to 7, but probably 5 would be hired. Chair Beaver asked if there was an option for people working there now. Chief Deputy Strouse replied no. He added that they have had interest from retired Captains and Sergeants to work there on a part-time basis.

Supervisor Podzilni questioned if armed is needed. Sheriff Knudson said they have discussed this question a great deal and feel this is the area where conflict will be and there is a need to prepare for, not if it will happen but, when it will happen here. Chair Beaver agreed they need to be armed.

Chair Beaver asked what hours they would be working. Chief Deputy Strouse said 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and two days per month until 9:00 p.m., as well as other days if there are meetings starting earlier/later.

Chair Beaver asked how many there would be. Chief Deputy said there would be one Deputy at all times and many times there will be two Deputies. He added that, due to the video

screens at the security station, this is a place other Deputies congregate to keep an eye on what is happening throughout the Courthouse.

Chair Beaver asked about the pay. Chief Deputy Strouse said it is about \$35 per hour with no benefits other than ½ of the clothing allowance per year.

Supervisor Fell said there are retired Deputies working as Bailiffs and seem very happy doing this. He said he feels this is a good plan and that he supports the need to have armed security.

Supervisor Bomkamp asked if this fulfills the state statute. Sheriff Knudson said, the way the contract is written, this will cover all areas and will be the best solution.

ADOPTED.

Request Authorization to Purchase UPS Batteries from General Communications, Madison WI Supervisor Owens moved approval to contract with General Communications for replacement UPS batteries in the amount of \$11,290, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Recognizing Deputy Shawn P. Nolan

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020, does hereby recognize Deputy Shawn P. Nolan for his over 21 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Shawn P. Nolan along with best wishes for the future.”

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

Update, Discussion and Possible Action.

Semi-Annual Reports The Committee accepted the reports.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 4:30 P.M., second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Office Coordinator

NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.