



**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – June 15, 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:** Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Kathy Sucus, 911 Communications Center Director; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Sheriff Troy Knudson.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Aegerter and Williams.

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

**Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2020.** Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the minutes of June 1, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

**Public Comment.** Three public comments were received and read to the committee from citizens: Jamie Swenson, Mary Westness and Erin Conway. All three citizens are in support of the George Floyd resolution on today's agenda.

Chair Beaver said the County Board and Administration are working on a resolution to address symbols of hate.

Ms. Sucus shared with the committee her disappointment that 911 staff were not included in the COVID 19 Hazard Pay resolution that was recently passed by the County Board. She shared several reasons why she felt 911 should have been included in the resolution.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers** None.

**Resolutions and Committee Approval.**

**Condemning George Floyd Death, Supporting Peaceful Demonstrations, and Calling for Action on Racial Reconciliation**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, does hereby condemn the killing of George Floyd at the hands of four Minneapolis Police Department officers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County acknowledges the existence of systemic racism both nationally and within Rock County, and that the County will hold accountable anyone within the County systems practicing bias and perpetuating systemic racism.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Rock County calls for national law enforcement standards regarding inappropriate use of force, procedural justice, and implicit bias training, and supports ongoing dialogue regarding improvements to law enforcement operations that demonstrate the value of human life and recognize the role of trauma.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County with the Rock County Diversity Action Team, NAACP Beloit Branch, and other interested community organizations actively participate and promote county-wide dialogue regarding racism and the history of race in the nation in order to reconcile over 400 years of systemic oppression.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be requested to send copies of this resolution to the County’s state and federal legislative delegation, Governor Evers, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.”

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

Supervisor Rynes moved to amend line 40 to add ‘YWCA Rock County’, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

ADOPTED with amendment.

**Committee Requests and Motions.** Chair Beaver agrees with Ms. Sukus’ earlier statement. She feels this resolution may need to be readdressed.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Taylor moved adjournment at 5:14 P.M., second by Supervisor Rynes. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
Secretary

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