

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN



**PLEASE
NOTE:
LOCATION**

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 20, 2021 - 5:00 P.M.
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM
SHERIFF'S OFFICE 200 US HWY 14 JANESVILLE**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order Time: 5:00 p.m. by Chair Beaver
2. Committee Members present: Supervisors Beaver, Rynes, Taylor, Knudson and Bomkamp.
3. Committee Members Absent: None.
4. Staff Members Present: Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Chief Deputy Craig Strouse, Sgt. Kimberly Litsheim, Sheriff Troy Knudson, Michelle Wilson and Diane Kowal, Sheriff's Office.
5. Others present: Supervisor Lou Peer.
6. Adoption of Agenda: First: Chair Beaver Second: Danette Rynes ADOPTED.
7. Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information: None.
8. Approval of Minutes – January 4, 2021: First: Jacob Taylor Second: Ron Bomkamp ADOPTED.
9. Consent Calendar
 - A. Transfers: First: Bryan Knudson Second: Ron Bomkamp ADOPTED.
10. Update, Discussion and Possible Action
 - A. Semi Annual Reports
11. Committee Requests and Motions: None.
12. Tour of Pinehurst Building Time Tour Started: 5:20 p.m.

Questions Chair Beaver asked prior to start of tour:

A. Do inmates have masks?

Sheriff Knudson answered that inmates are given masks but are not required to wear them.

B. Are deputies required to get Covid 19 vaccines?

Sheriff Knudson answered that deputies are not mandated to get the vaccine as there are many possible considerations including religious concerns, medical concerns, pregnancy, etc. Vaccinations, although not mandated, have been highly recommended.

C. If there is an outbreak of Covid 19 in the jail, could we at the county please be notified promptly?

Sheriff Knudson acknowledged that should be done. He stated we are currently down to one inmate being isolated for Covid 19 concerns, so we are safe to have the tour.

D. When a new inmate comes into the jail, are they tested and isolated?

Sheriff Knudson and Captain Litsheim responded yes, but explained that inmates can refused to be tested. In that case, they are still put through a two-stage isolation process.

13. Adjournment Time: 6:00 p.m. First: Jacob Taylor Second: Danette Rynes
ADOPTED.

Diane Kowal
LES Secretary II
Rock County Sheriff's Office

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