

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 4, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on May 4, 2015 in Conference Room N-1 Courthouse - East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Brill, Fell, Knudson and Wiedenfeld.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Captain Gary Groelle, Sheriff's Office; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Director of Mediation and Family Court Services; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director; Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Courts.

Others Present: Supervisors Russ Podzilni and Sandra Kraft; Jeff Hagemann; Lisa Furseth; Craig Furseth; John Ziegler; Tim Cullen; John Nelson; Lynn Gustafson; Matt Pine; Kurt Rankins; Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette.

Adoption of Agenda. Chair Beaver said there is the addition of a Pre-approved Encumbrance for 911, item 6.D.2. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the agenda with this addition, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the minutes of April 20, 2015 as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. None.

Discussion on Citizen Request to Modify Slow-No-Wake Ordinance. Mr. Hagemann said he and a group of other people, listed on petitions he handed to the Committee Chair, are requesting to have the slow-no-wake height lifted from 6.5 feet to 7 feet. He said they feel this will still protect the homeowners along the Rock River and will allow additional days use of the river by people using boats and other watercrafts. He added that people are going elsewhere to access the water and spending their money there.

Mr. Furseth said that most of the residents in Oakwood Park are opposed to raising the slow-no-wake height. He added that people are able to use kayaks and canoes to enjoy the river during the current slow-no-wake height.

Mr. Cullen said he feels adding 6 more inches is a reasonable compromise and that many people living on the river are frustrated because they cannot use the water in their own backyard. He suggested segregating the area from Centerway and north to raise the slow-no-wake height.

Mr. Ziegler said he is in agreement with this.

Mr. Furseth said some people place riprap along the shoreline area to help protect it but other people are not able to do this.

Mr. Ziegler said, as owner of a jet-ski repair business, he is losing money. He added that as a homeowner on the river, just north of Traxler Park, he is okay with raising the slow-no-wake height by 6 inches.

Mr. Furseth asked what is different now than four years ago when the height was set by resolution.

Mr. Ziegler said the river has changed since two dams were removed and there is more runoff.

Mr. Rankins said he feels Mr. Ziegler is right about the river changing, that sediment is a factor, but that we need to look at this for the long term. If the height keeps being raised there will be more sediment. He said he is against raising the height.

Ms. Gustafson said she has lived on the river since 1978 and is very frustrated. She said the people she has talked to are in favor of raising the height.

Mr. Pine said he is retired from the Sheriff's Office and worked there when the ordinance had set the level at 6.5 feet. That ordinance was based on prior experience and fairness to all. He said he thought this issue was settled at that time, and that it was set to take the guesswork out. He said he also owns a boat so he understands not being able to use it at times.

Mr. Hagemann said different parts of the river have issues at different levels and that he feels 7 feet is a good compromise.

Mr. Kuglitsch asked what the Committee would like to do.

Supervisor Brill said this is not a cut and dry issue and may take some time.

Supervisor Knudson said he is personally not in favor of raising the height. He added that he thought this had been discussed thoroughly and we can't keep changing it; and that members of the Committee had toured the river at various stages.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld said he can see this is a controversial issue, that the river belongs to everyone, and that we must see that what is done is in the best interest of everyone. He said he thinks further discussion would be worthwhile if more people in the community would come.

Ms. Gustafson asked if the Planning and Development Department would be able to look at the history, etc.

Chair Beaver asked to have this put on the next agenda, May 18th at 4 P.M., for further discussion.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations.

Sheriff's Office

FROM

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-2100-0000-62420	\$1,830
Machinery & Equipment R&M	

TO

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-2100-0000-67160	\$1,830
Capital Assets \$500 - \$4,999	

Bills/Encumbrances

Sheriff	\$ 9,338.09
HIDTA Grant	822.99
RECAP Operations	220.03
Sheriff's Vehicles	4,408.17
Correctional Facility	5,271.11
Level B Hazmat Team	600.00
Clerk of Courts	5,992.40
911 Project Operations	365.48
Child Support	1,218.53

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.

Sheriff's Office

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$ 160.00
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911 Communications Center

Charter Communications	\$ 750.00
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Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above Transfers and Appropriations, Bills and Encumbrances and Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Resolutions.

Proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2015 does hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2015, as Emergency Medical Services Week and expresses its appreciation for the life-saving work of these professionals in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each EMS agency within Rock County.”

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

Recognizing Deputy Gregory J. Niles

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 does hereby recognize Deputy Gregory J. Niles for his over 25 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Gregory J. Niles along with best wishes for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Deputy Gregory J. Niles.”

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

Authority to Increase FTE Telecommunicator Positions

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 that the number of authorized full-time equivalent Telecommunicator positions at the Communications Center is increased by 2.0 FTE.”

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

First Quarter 2015 Activity Report – Mediation and Family Court Services. Ms. Costrini-Norgal answered the Committees questions.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brill moved adjournment at 4:59 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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