

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – December 7, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on December 7, 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; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Captain Jude Maurer, Sheriff's Office; Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Court; Kris Baker-Ellis, Child Support Director.

Others Present: Supervisor Russ Podzilni; Barry Irmen, Director of Operations, Rock/Dane County Medical Examiner's Office; Cathy Idzerda, Janesville Gazette.

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

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the minutes of November 16, 2015 as presented, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. Supervisor Wiedenfeld informed the Committee that he was not running for re-election, and said he has enjoyed working with the different committees he has been on. Chair Beaver told him he would be missed.

Consent Calendar.

Sheriff's Office

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-2140-2015-61210	\$2,174	21-2140-2015-64701	\$2,174
Overtime Wages		Software Purchase	

Bills/Encumbrances - 2015

General Fund	\$ 70,342.97
Sheriff	18,388.74
HIDTA Grant	2,700.00
RECAP Operations	14,904.66
Sheriff's Vehicles	4,956.20

Correctional Facility	33,987.18
Emergency Management	192.00
Circuit Courts	580.00
Clerk of Courts	8,900.76
911 Project Operations	2,723.07
District Attorney	117.96
Medical Examiner	4,720.11
Child Support	973.48

Bills/Encumbrances - 2016

Mediation/Family Court Services	\$	37,000.00
911 Project Operations		391,437.00
Child Support		59,080.00

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

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 Wiedenfeld. ADOPTED.

Resolutions.

Authorizing Purchase of Vehicles per State of Wisconsin Contract for the Rock County Sheriff's Office

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 that a Purchase Order be issued as follows:

- \$74,467.50 to Ewald Automotive for 3 Dodge Chargers
- \$85,963.50 to Ewald Automotive for 3 Ford Utility Interceptors
- \$23,299.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Dodge Charger for Sheriff
- \$23,950.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Dodge Grand Caravan
- \$29,737.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Chevrolet Express Van
- \$37,612.50 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Chevrolet Tahoe

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment be made to the vendor upon receipt and acceptance by the Rock County Sheriff.”

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

Back-up Radio Control Station Combiner System

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 that a contract

in the amount of \$44,869.35 be awarded to General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin for the design, equipment, and labor necessary to complete the control station combiner project.”

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

Recognizing Sergeant Steven R. Selby

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015, does hereby recognize Sergeant Steven R. Selby for his over 29 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Sergeant Steven R. Selby 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 Sergeant Steven R. Selby.”

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

Opposition to Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 Affecting Child Welfare Practice

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2015 does hereby oppose Senate Bill 326/Assembly Bill 429 in its current form; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Rock County’s legislative delegation, the authors of the bill, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.”

Mr. Smith explained these are companion bills and the intent of this resolution in opposition is to give the authors more time to work on the language and best practices. He added that these cases are communicated well between the different agencies in Rock County.

Chair Podzilni added that the Wisconsin Counties Association urges opposition to the bills as they are written now as they feel it will cause more problems for most lower populated areas.

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

Authorization for the Purchase of an Additional Digital In-Car Video Recording Camera.

Supervisor Knudson moved approval to purchase an additional digital in-car camera for the Sheriff's Office, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Update on the Current Autopsy Numbers – Medical Examiner's Office. Mr. Terronez said that Rock County, through the Intergovernmental Agreement with Dane County, contracts for autopsies. If the number of autopsies exceeds 95 per year, Rock County will pay an additional amount for each autopsy above the 95.

Mr. Irmen said the initial agreement was based on the prior Coroner's 2012 annual report. At this time Dane County has done 119 autopsies. He added that Rock County has a 16.5% autopsy ratio (i.e. autopsies as a percent of total cases) and Dane County has a 21% autopsy ratio. Mr. Irmen said the decision to perform an autopsy is based on an established protocol and best practices.

Mr. Terronez said, based upon the current activity, the account may need approximately \$30,000 but there should be savings in other accounts. We will still need to come back after the first of the year to update the Committee regarding the cost of the additional autopsies per the IGA.

Supervisor Knudson said he has heard nothing but good comments about the Medical Examiner's Office.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld expressed his concern about the number of younger people, ages 24 – 35, he sees in the obituaries.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brill moved adjournment at 4:25 P.M., second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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