

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
July 12, 2010

Call to Order. Chair Collins called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on July 12, 2010 in Conference Room N-1 on the Fifth Floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Collins, Brill, Beaver, Knudson, Wiedenfeld.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; David Sleeter, 911 Communication Center Director; Louis Smit, Chief Deputy Coroner; Phil Boutwell, Assistant to the County Administrator; Commander Tom Gehl; Shirley Connors, Emergency Management Coordinator.

Others Present: Neil Deupree and Supervisor Marv Wopat, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; Kay Deupree, League of Women Voters; Tony Farrell Sr., Citizen.

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

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Brill moved approval of the minutes of June 21, 2010 and June 24, 2010 as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations.

911 Communications Center

FROM

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23-2400-0000-62217	\$ 800
Teletype Services	

TO

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23-2400-0000-63108	\$ 800
Public Information	

Bills/Encumbrances.

Sheriff	\$ 23,533.32
RECAP Operations	804.71
Correctional Facility	7,111.02
Circuit Courts	880.53
Mediation/Family Court Services	100.00
Clerk of Courts	4,014.00
911 Project Operation	6,737.23

District Attorney	435.15
2010 Hazmat	214.20
Coroner	9,760.92
Child Support	938.46
2009 JAG Recovery Act	1,800.00
TRACS Grant	1,200.00
Drug Court Grant	2,462.97
LEPC	107.23
2010 Project Safe Neighborhood	1,711.56
ARRA Incentive Funds	5,881.00
Cellular E-911 Implementation	2,450.00
Sheriff's Vehicles	1,210.58

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.

Mediation/Family Court Services

Lawrence Kahn, Strategic Resolutions	\$ 7,000.00
Eileen H. McCarten/Family Matters PACT	7,000.00

Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the above Consent Calendar for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Resolutions

Authorizing Purchase of Used Ford Step Van for the Sheriff's Office Dive Team

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 that a Purchase Order be issued to Lynch Truck Center; and,

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

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

Supervisor Brill said he is not happy there is not a warranty with this vehicle.

Amending the Sheriff's 2010 Budget to Accept and Use Equitably Shared Funds

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010, that the 2010 budget be amended as follows:

...”

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

Authorizing Contract for Facility Transition Services for the Rock County Jail Renovation Project

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010, does hereby authorize a contract with Voorhis/Robertson Justice Services, Inc., in amount not to exceed \$104,000, to provide operational transition services to the Rock County Jail Renovation project.”

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

Commending Administrative Assistant Jeannette Johnson

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 does hereby recognize Administrative Assistant Jeannette Johnson for her 17 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Jeannette Johnson 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 Jeannette Johnson.”

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

Termination of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Roger Rebout & Sons.

Mr. Boutwell said Roger Rebout & Sons have been using our tower west of Janesville to maximize their fieldwork. They have removed their equipment and it would be beneficial to both parties to cancel the agreement.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval to terminate the MOU with Roger Rebout and Sons, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Semi-Annual Departmental Out of State Training and Conference Report The Committee accepted the reports from Child Support, 911 Communications Center, Coroner’s Office, Clerk of Court, District Attorney, Emergency Management and Mediation/Family Court.

Countywide Communications Upgrade – Update Mr. Sleeter informed the Committee the \$700,000+ Assistance to Firefighters grant has been applied for. It will be a while before we find out if we will receive this. The grant writers have not heard of any other grants at this time. He said they will be working with the Cities of Beloit and Janesville on contingencies. Some of the possibilities would be going digital as a first step to a trunk system and to get narrow band

coverage. Mr. Sleeter said they will be putting cost figures together so they can get them out to the municipalities for their budgets.

Supervisor Knudson left at 5:40 P.M.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Update Ms. Pohlman McQuillen handed around copies of the Rock County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council's Report to the Community newsletter.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen briefly went over the new OWI legislation.

Supervisor Wopat went over Community RECAP and said they just added an additional counselor and they are working on setting up aftercare through ATTIC.

Mr. Deupree updated them on Drug Court and said it has been very successful and everyone on the team is very satisfied.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the Offender Reentry Resource Fair for 2010 was a success with 75-80 participants and 26 vendors. They received a lot of very positive feedback. She said they received a \$200,000 federal grant to use over a 2-year period and have applied for a \$50,000 planning grant, which they will find out if they received some time in October.

Mr. Deupree said the Council has decided the public needs to be educated on the criminal justice system and how it works. The League of Women Voters will be helping with this education process.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said she talks to other CJCC planner/analysts across the state and they have decided to get together quarterly to learn from each other.

Supervisor Wopat said there were consultants in to assess the Juvenile Justice system. Since then changes have been made, many safety measures have been put in place, they are assessing the juveniles differently and reports are given to the Human Services Board regularly.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen said the first Veterans Court in Wisconsin began in Rock County last fall. Currently there are about 5 people going through the program. The next Veterans Court is scheduled for July 22nd. Judge Daley is doing a great job. The Veterans Court operates on a regional level, thus referrals are accepted into the program from other counties. We are also working with other agencies at the state level to try and secure funding for the Court.

Supervisor Wopat said they are advocating for a beer/alcohol tax. The tax on beer and alcohol has not been raised in the past 40 years. Our jails are full because of substance abuse and if the tax were raised it would help offset some of these costs.

Supervisor Wopat said Here and Now on Wisconsin Public Television did a piece on heroin in Wisconsin. The segment focused on Rock County, which has become a gateway to the

state through heroin hubs in Chicago and Rockford. He was interviewed and an addict from Rock County talked about his problem, how he started, and what he is doing about it.

Mr. Deupree said they have two new members to the CJCC, Max Arriaga and George Smith.

Supervisor Brill said he feels the new OWI laws are not strict enough. He wished there was something more that could be done without filling the jails.

Supervisor Wopat said the average number of times a person drives drunk before having their first offense is 700 times.

Committee Requests and Motions.

Set Date for Meeting at Town of Beloit 911 Communications Center Site Chair Collins asked to have this item placed on the next agenda.

Adjournment. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved adjournment at 5:12 P.M., second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Secretary II

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