

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
September 7, 2010

Call to Order. Vice Chair Wiedenfeld called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on September 7, 2010 in the Conference Room at the Rock County Sheriff's Office.

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

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Collins.

Staff Members Present: Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; David Sleeter, 911 Communication Center Director; Commander Tom Gehl; Shirley Connors, Emergency Management Coordinator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Bob Spoden; Dave O'Connell, Human Resources Director; Lori Stottler, County Clerk; Jenifer Keach, Coroner.

Others Present: None.

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

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the minutes of August 2, 2010 and August 12, 2010 as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. Mr. Sleeter informed the Committee that they would be seeing billboards explaining about calling wireless 911 in the next 4 – 6 weeks.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations. None.

Bills/Encumbrances.

Sheriff	\$ 11,045.32
RECAP Operations	19,468.58
Correctional Facility	14,987.36
Circuit Courts	2,602.87
Clerk of Courts	1,132.78
911 Project Operation	1,074.02
District Attorney	3,666.50
Victim Witness	162.50
Emergency Management	274.28
Coroner	12,178.50
Child Support	2,182.25
2009 JAG Recovery Act	515.70

Community RECAP/TAD	440.00
TRACS Grant	226.88
LEPC	119.00
ARRA Incentive Funds	2,092.95
Sheriff's Vehicles	490.00
2008 911 Capital Projects	75.00

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.

Sheriff's Office

Shell	\$ 300.00
Elan Financial Services	280.00

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

Consider Acceptance of Donation of Equipment to RECAP. Sheriff Spoden informed the Committee that Porters has donated a new mower to RECAP at no expense to the county taxpayers.

Supervisor Knudson moved approval to accept the donation of equipment to RECAP, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Resolutions.

To Approve Referendum Question on the Office of Coroner Versus Medical Examiner for the November 2, 2010 General Election

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors in session this _____ day of _____, 2010, that they place the following advisory referendum on the County wide general election ballot scheduled for November 2, 2010:

(History:) Currently, the electors of the County of Rock elect a County Coroner to a four-year term. The County Board of Supervisors has previously considered changing the Office of the County Coroner to a County appointed medical examiner system. The Rock County board of Supervisors voted on May 27, 2010 to place this advisory referendum on the ballot.

(Question:) Should the County of Rock exercise its authority under Article VI, § 2 of the Wisconsin Constitution to replace the existing elected Office of County Coroner with a County appointed medical examiner system, effective January 2015?

(Instruction:) Effect of Vote: A yes vote would favor abolishing the Office of County Coroner and establishing an appointed medical examiner system. A no

vote indicates you are opposed to the question and the current system should remain.”

Mr. Kuglitsch handed out copies of how this would look on the ballot.

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

Amending Local Emergency Planning Committee Budget

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010, does approve and authorize the increase of \$2,268 in State Aid and amends the 2010 Local Emergency Planning Committee Budget as follows:

...”

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

Accepting High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant and Amending the Sheriff's Budget

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 to approve and authorize the acceptance of \$50,000 of HIDTA grant funds and to authorize the Sheriff to sign the award documents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2010 Sheriff's budget be amended as follows:

...”

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

Recognizing Sergeant Laurie Sprecher

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010, does hereby recognize Sergeant Laurie Sprecher for her 25 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Sergeant Laurie Sprecher 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 Laurie Sprecher.”

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

Recognizing Chief Larry Gorud

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2010 that the Rock County board recognizes Chief Larry Gorud for his long-term service as the Rock County 911 Commission Chairman and extends best wishes in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Chief Larry Gorud.”

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

Countywide Communications Upgrade – Update Mr. Sleeter said Rock County met with the Cities of Beloit and Janesville to discuss options of a non-trunk system in digital and analog. They will be meeting soon with all the municipalities to make sure everyone is on board and to answer questions. This will only be for public safety organizations. Mr. Sleeter said when the time comes to order equipment they will probably go out for a group bid to keep costs down and to make sure the equipment is compatible.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Tour of Jail and Jail Project. Commander Gehl took the Committee on a tour of the Jail project site and of the Jail from 4:28 P.M. to 5:16 P.M.

Supervisor Knudson left at 4:42 P.M.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brill moved adjournment at 5:17 P.M., second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Secretary II

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