

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – August 6, 2012**

**Call to Order.** Chair Collins called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on August 6, 2012 in Conference Room N-1 at the Rock County Courthouse-East.

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

**Committee Members Excused:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Captain Gary Groelle; Kathy Sukus, Interim 911 Communications Center Director; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to County Administrator; Shirley Connors, Emergency Management Coordinator; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director; Dara Mosley, IT Public Safety Systems Manager; Jenny Keach, Coroner; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice Planner/Analyst; David O’Leary, District Attorney.

**Others Present:** None.

**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 18, 2012 and July 2, 2012, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information.** Ms. Keach informed the Committee that Chief Deputy Coroner, Louis Smit, received the Wisconsin Heroes Award for his work with the Remember Me Program. Chair Collins asked Ms. Keach to thank Mr. Smit and the entire Department for their work on this.

Ms. Pohlman McQuillen informed the Committee that the first OWI Court date is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Knudson thanked Ms. Connors and Sheriff Spoden for their attendance, support and coming out for the State’s press conference regarding the drought in Magnolia Township.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers and Appropriations.**

**Emergency Management**

**FROM**

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
19-1922-0000-64904 Contingency Fund	\$ 4,400

**TO**

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
26-2500-0000-63500 R&M Sirens	\$ 4,400

**Bills/Encumbrances**

Sheriff	\$	10,153.04
RECAP Operations		13,610.78
Correctional Facility		8,800.13
Circuit Courts		3,774.20
Clerk of Courts		58.80
911-Project Operations		1,083.04
District Attorney		6,261.09
Deferred Prosecution/Domestic Violence		40.00
Coroner		1,527.00
Child Support		516.90
Digital Radio		35,139.05
Sheriff's Vehicles		759.62

**Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.** None.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the above Bills and Encumbrances and Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

**Courthouse Security.** Mr. O'Leary said the Courthouse Security Committee, chaired by Judge Bates, has been meeting to discuss ways to improve the security within the courthouse. He said there have been two narrow misses for a couple Bailiffs. One of the Bailiffs did end up with a broken ankle and the other Judge Fitzpatrick was on his way down from the bench to help the other Bailiff. He said there are no videos of these instances because there are still issues with the cameras. He added that the Sheriff's Office has done an excellent study with a full proposal. The Committee is in the process of looking for grant money. Mr. O'Leary said we need to make sure we keep the citizens and staff safe.

**Report on Digital Radio Conversion.** Ms. Sukus informed the Committee that the county went to digital on June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Edgerton Fire Department had some issues with coverage; they did some changes with the antenna, which has helped a bit. The Janesville Police started having problems, as did the State Patrol, and they found some issues with the software, which General Communications is working on. Then the system crashed the prior day, they called everyone in and it was decided that many of them would go back to analog until the software issues are worked out. Ms. Sukus said that General Communications and Raytheon are working diligently on correcting the issues.

**Resolutions.**

**Recognizing Correctional Officer Gary Carroll**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Gary Carroll for his over 29 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Gary Carroll along with best wishes for his future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Correctional Officer Gary Carroll.”

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

**Recognizing Correctional Officer David Vanden Noven**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 does hereby recognize Correctional Officer David Vanden Noven for his 24 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer David Vanden Noven along with best wishes for his future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Correctional Officer David Vanden Noven.”

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

**Recognizing Correctional Officer Bradley Blair**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Bradley Blair for his 26 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Bradley Blair along with best wishes for his future.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Correctional Officer Bradley Blair.”

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

**Recognizing Jeanette Conner**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 does hereby recognize Jeanette Conner for her dedicated service to the citizens of Rock County for over 16 years and wishes her well in her future endeavors; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk be directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Jeanette Conner.”

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

**Amending the Sheriff's 2012 Budget to Use Equitably Share Funds**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012, that the 2012 budget be amended as follows:

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

**Authorizing Purchase and Installation of Microwave Link to Blackhawk Technical College**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 that a Purchase Order be issued to General Communications in an amount of \$23,522 for the purchase and installation of a Microwave link from Beloit Memorial Hospital to Blackhawk Technical College.”

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

**Rock County Public Safety Analog to Digital Voice Radio Conversion Additional Equipment and Labor**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2012 that a contract in the amount of \$35,140 be awarded to General Communications, Inc., of Madison, Wisconsin for the purchase of necessary equipment and labor above and beyond the original resolution (#11-2B-296) to convert the existing Rock County public safety voice radio infrastructure and 911 Communications Center to digital mode operations.”

Ms. Sukus said this is for items that were missed in inventory from the original resolution.

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

**Approval to Purchase GPS Trackers for Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit (SIU)** Captain Groelle explained they would be purchasing two units to help the detectives with their cases.

Supervisor Knudson moved approval to Purchase GPS Trackers for Sheriff's Office SIU, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

**Semi-Annual 2012 Activity Report – Mediation & Family Court Services.** No questions.

**Semi-Annual Reports.** The Committee accepted the Semi-Annual Reports from Child Support, Coroner, Courts/Mediation & Family Court Services, District Attorney, Emergency Management, 911 Communications Center and Sheriff and asked for them to be placed in file.

**Committee Request and Motions.**

**Future Meetings Schedule** The Committee decided to meet on September 10<sup>th</sup> instead of September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday.

Chair Collins reminded the Committee that the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting will be held at the Sheriff's Office for the annual tour.

Supervisor Brill said he would check with Ms. Eggers on holding a meeting at Rock Valley Community Programs.

Ms. Keach volunteered to have the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Coroner's Office.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Knudson moved adjournment at 4:50 P.M., second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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