

ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
MONDAY – AUGUST 3, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY – AUGUST 3, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – July 6, 2020
4. Public Comment
5. Consent Calendar
  - A. Transfer
    - 1) 911 Communications Center
6. Resolutions and Committee Approval
  - A. To Recognize August as Child Support Awareness Month
  - B. Accepting DOJ Pretrial Pilot sites Project Grant and Amending the Budget
7. Semi-annual Reports
8. Reschedule September 7, 2020 Meeting
9. Committee Requests and Motions
10. Adjournment

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**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE  
Minutes – July 6, 2020**

**Call to Order.** Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 5:00 P.M. via teleconference.

**Committee Members Present via Phone/Video:** Supervisors Beaver, Bomkamp, Taylor, Knudson and Rynes.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present via Phone/Video:** Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Melissa Wittwer, Director of Child Support Services; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; and Commander Jude Maurer, Sheriff's Office.

**Others Present.** None.

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

**Approval of Minutes – June 15, 2020.** Supervisor Rynes moved approval of the minutes of June 15, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

**Public Comment.** None.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers**

**Child Support Services**

<b><u>FROM</u></b>		<b><u>TO</u></b>	
<b><u>Account #</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Account#</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
34-3850-0000-63300	\$5,840	34-3850-0000-67130	\$5,840
Travel		Equipment	

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above transfer, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

**Review of Payments.** The committee accepted the report.

**Resolutions and Committee Approval.**

**Recognizing Correctional Officer Christopher M. Davis**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Christopher M. Davis for his over 18 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Christopher M. Davis along with best wishes for the future.”

Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Rynes. ADOPTED.

**Request to Purchase – Watchguard Mobile Video Recorders (5).** Supervisor Bomkamp moved to approve the purchase of 5 Watchguard Mobile Video Recorders, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

**Update, Discussion and Possible Action.**

**Update on Child Support Services Operations.** Ms. Wittwer said they have been doing well with their performance numbers. They have made some changes to adapt with the pandemic. Overall, things have been going good. Chair Beaver thanked Ms. Wittwer for the information that she provided the committee (included as part of agenda).

**Committee Requests and Motions.** None.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Bomkamp moved adjournment at 5:07 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey VanZandt  
Secretary

**NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.**



RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Melissa R. Wittwer, Director  
Rock County Child Support Agency  
INITIATED BY



Melissa R. Wittwer, Director  
Rock County Child Support Agency  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety and Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

July 24, 2020  
DATE DRAFTED

**TO RECOGNIZE AUGUST AS CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Child Support Agency administers the Child Support Program on behalf
- 2 of the state, providing services to Rock County residents including paternity establishment, obtaining
- 3 child support and health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders; and
- 4
- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Child Support Agency recognizes that children should always have the
- 6 financial and emotional support they need in order to be successful; and
- 7
- 8 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Child Support Agency ensures that parents take responsibility for the care
- 9 and well-being of their children, supports the involvement of parents in their children's lives, and
- 10 provides services to both custodial and noncustodial parents; and
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- 12 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Child Support Agency collected over \$21 million in child support in
- 13 2019; and
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- 15 **WHEREAS**, the Child Support Program is an effective investment in Wisconsin's future as child support
- 16 increases self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's well-being; and
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- 18 **WHEREAS**, increased public awareness of the importance of providing children with the support they
- 19 need and the services offered by the Rock County Child Support Agency benefits Rock County children
- 20 and families; and
- 21
- 22 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors, representing the citizens of Rock County, wishes to
- 23 recognize the hard work and dedication of the employees of the Rock County Child Support Agency.
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- 25 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 26 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, does hereby recognize the month of August as Child Support
- 27 Awareness Month.
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- 29 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of
- 30 this resolution to the Rock County Child Support Agency for their dedication to serving the children and
- 31 families of Rock County.

Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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Mary Beaver, Chair

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Jacob Taylor

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Brian Knudson, Vice Chair

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Danette Rynes

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Ron Bomkamp

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AGENDA NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION  
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Evidence-Based Decision Making  
Committee  
INITIATED BY



Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen  
DRAFTED BY

Public Safety & Justice Committee  
SUBMITTED BY

July 28, 2020  
DATE DRAFTED

**ACCEPTING DOJ EBDM PRETRIAL PILOT SITES PROJECT GRANT AND AMENDING  
THE BUDGET**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has been engaged with the Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM)  
2 Initiative in partnership with the National Institute of Corrections and the State of Wisconsin since 2015  
3 to establish and test the application of evidence-based practices to criminal justice decisions; and,  
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5 **WHEREAS**, Rock County identified pretrial and risk assessments as a top priority through this process  
6 and has been working toward establishing a pretrial assessment and monitoring system for individuals  
7 going through the justice system in Rock County; and,  
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9 **WHEREAS**, Rock County has been working with six other Wisconsin counties and the Wisconsin  
10 Department of Justice to develop and implement pretrial programs in the pilot sites following best and  
11 evidence-based practices in pretrial. The pilot programs will utilize data and research to develop a  
12 model that can be tested and evaluated to determine the effectiveness, to potentially lead to replication  
13 in other counties; and,  
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15 **WHEREAS**, the decision to release or detain a defendant during the pretrial phase of a criminal case  
16 has both short- and long-term consequences for defendants, the justice system, and the general public.  
17 Pretrial seeks to achieve three underlying goals: (1) maximize the release of pretrial defendants  
18 (recognizing the presumption of innocence and the harmful effects of pretrial detention); (2) maximize  
19 public safety; and (3) maximize court appearance; and,  
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21 **WHEREAS**, in April 2019, Rock County applied for a Wisconsin Department of Justice JAG EBDM  
22 Pretrial Pilot Sites Project Grant to fund a pretrial case manager, provide pretrial monitoring supports  
23 (GPS, SCRAM, Portable Breath), and allow the County's Justice System Manager, who oversees the  
24 pretrial pilot, to attend the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies annual conference; and,  
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26 **WHEREAS**, the WI Department of Justice awarded Rock County a JAG EBDM Pretrial Pilot Site  
27 Project grant in the amount of \$150,000 to fund the aforementioned items.  
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29 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled  
30 this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, does hereby authorize the acceptance of \$150,000 of WI DOJ  
31 grant funds and to authorize the signing of the award documents.  
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the 2020 budget be amended as follows:  
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Account/ Description	Budget at 6/30/2020	Increase (Decrease)	Amended Budget
<u>Source of Funds</u>			
29-9005-0000-42200 State Aid	0	\$150,000	\$150,000
<u>Use of Funds</u>			
29-9005-0000-64904 Program Expenses	\$481,000	\$150,000	\$631,000

ACCEPTING DOJ EBDM PRETRIAL PILOT SITES PROJECT GRANT AND AMENDING THE BUDGET

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Respectfully submitted,

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Beaver, Chair

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Ron Bomkamp

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Brian Knudson, Vice-Chair

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Danette Rynes

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jacob Taylor

FINANCE COMMITTEE ENDORSEMENT

Reviewed and approved on a vote of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Mawhinney, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution authorizes the acceptance and expenditure of \$150,000 in State Aid for the EBDM program. No additional County funds are required.

*/s/ Sherry Oja*

Sherry Oja  
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats. As an amendment to the adopted 2020 County Budget, this Resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the entire membership of the County Board pursuant to sec. 65.90(5)(a), Wis. Stats.

*/s/ Richard Greenlee*

Richard Greenlee  
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

*/s/ Josh Smith*

Josh Smith  
County Administrator



## Executive Summary

### **ACCEPTING DOJ EBDM PRETRIAL PILOT SITES PROJECT GRANT AND AMENDING THE BUDGET**

Rock County has been working with the State of Wisconsin and the National Institute of Corrections as an Evidence-Based Decision Making (EBDM) Initiative local site since 2015. Through a deliberative, collaborative process, using data and research to help guide decision-making, the County decided to enhance various areas of its criminal justice system. Through this process the County decided to establish a pretrial and assessment service program for individuals going through the criminal justice system.

The decision to release or detain a defendant during the pretrial phase of a criminal case has both short- and long-term consequences for defendants, the justice system, and the general public. Pretrial seeks to achieve three underlying goals: (1) maximize the release of pretrial defendants (recognizing the presumption of innocence and the harmful effects of pretrial detention); (2) maximize public safety; and (3) maximize court appearance. According to the research, making pretrial release and detention decisions without actuarial assessment guidance can have harmful effects on both defendants and the general public. Releasing extremely high risk defendants without assessment or matched supervision can be a threat to public safety. At the same time, recent research has also demonstrated that detaining low and moderate risk defendants in jail for even short periods of time (i.e., 2–3 days) can increase their risk for misconduct both short- and long-term. Pretrial risk assessment results will be used to guide release decisions and level of supervision necessary to ensure offender does not recidivate and attends all court appearances during the pendency of the case. A monitoring system to ensure compliance with release conditions will also be established.

Rock County, along with six other EBDM Pretrial Sites and the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice have been working to develop and implement pretrial programs in the pilot sites. These programs are designed to maximize public safety and court appearance while maximizing pretrial release. The pilot programs will utilize data and research to develop a model that can be tested and evaluated to determine the effectiveness, to potentially lead to replication in other counties. To this end, the WI DOJ established a grant opportunity to assist these sites with the aforementioned goals. Monies received under this grant will fund a pretrial case manager, which is contracted through JusticePoint (as the result of a competitive RFQ process), tools for pretrial supervision (GPS monitoring, SCRAM monitoring, Remote Breath monitoring), and allow for the County's Justice System Manager, who oversees the pretrial pilot program in Rock County, to attend the National Association of Pretrial Services Agencies annual conference.

# Rock County

## Child Support Services

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51 South Main Street  
Janesville, WI 53545



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**MEMO TO:** Mary Beaver, Chair  
PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

**MEMO FROM:** Melissa Wittwer, Director  
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

**COPY:** Josh Smith, County Administrator

**RE:** Semi Annual Report-Attendance at Convention/Conferences

**DATE:** 06/30/20

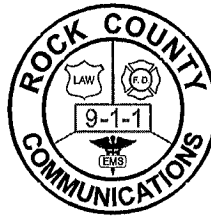
Per Resolution 06-9A-087, no one from Rock County Child Support Services has attended any conventions or conferences from January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 resulting in costs exceeding \$1,000.00 per employee.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

Melissa Wittwer, Director  
CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

/mmr



MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Safety & Justice Committee

FROM: Kathren Sukus, Communications Director *Kathren Sukus*

DATE: 7/2/2020

RE: Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences

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The Communications Center had no staff members who attended any training, convention or conference that exceeded total costs of \$1,000 per event, per employee, whether in-state or out-of-state for the second half of 2019.

**HON. DANIEL T. DILLON**  
PRESIDING JUDGE  
ROCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
51 S. MAIN STREET  
JANESVILLE, WI 53545

KRIS HOIUM  
CIRCUIT COURT OFFICE MANAGER  
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July 31, 2020

To: Josh Smith, Rock County Administrator  
From: Daniel T. Dillon, Rock County Presiding Judge  
RE: Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conferences/Conventions

There was no attendance at any training, convention or conferences that exceeded total costs of \$1,000 per event, per employee whether in-state or out-of-state.



**Jacki Gackstatter**  
Rock County Clerk of Circuit Court  
51 South Main Street, Janesville WI 53545  
Phone: (608) 743-2200 Fax: (608) 743-2223

July 29, 2020

To: Public, Safety and Justice Committee

From: Jacki Gackstatter  
Clerk of Circuit Court

Subject: Semi-annual Report of Attendance at Conventions/Conferences

From January – June 2020, neither I or a member of my staff attended any training, convention or conference out of state. Nor did attendance to a training, convention or conference exceed \$1,000 per event.

Cc: Josh Smith  
County Administrator

**David J. O'Leary**  
Rock County District Attorney

**Perry L. Folts**  
Deputy District Attorney



**Office of District Attorney**  
Rock County Courthouse  
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**TO: PS&J Committee**  
**Josh Smith, County Administrator**

**FROM: David O'Leary**

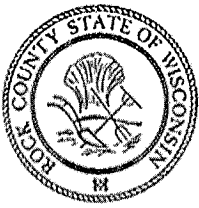
**DATE: July 6, 2020**

**RE: Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions/Conferences**

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This is to advise that there was no attendance at any training, convention or conference that exceeded total cost of \$1,000 per event, per employee for the District Attorney's Office.

Thank you.



*Office of the*  
**Rock County Medical Examiner**  
Dr. Vincent Tranchida  
Chief Medical Examiner



TO: The Honorable Mary Beaver,  
Chair of Public Safety and Justice  
FR: Barry E. Irmen  
Director of Operations, ME Department  
DA: 07-02-2020  
RE: Semi-Annual Report – Attendance at Conventions / Conferences

This purpose of this memo is to confirm that staff from the Medical Examiner's Department did not attend any training, conferences or conventions in state or out of state that exceeded \$1000.00 in the first half of 2020.



Sheriff Troy J. Knudson  
**ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
 Craig L. Strouse, Chief Deputy



Jude G. Maurer  
 Commander, Law Enforcement Services

*"A Tradition of Service"*

Erik D. Chellevold  
 Commander, Correctional Services

July 6, 2020

TO: Public Safety and Justice Committee  
 FR: Sheriff Troy J. Knudson  
 RE: Semi-Annual Training Exceeding \$1,000  
 January 1, 2020 – June 30, 2020

During the period of January 1, 2020, through June 30, 2020, one (1) member of the Rock County Sheriff's Office attended a training in which the total cost exceeded \$1,000 per person, per event.

Captain Aaron Burdick attended a 32-hour ICAC Unit Supervisor Training at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Alexandria, Virginia, from March 2-5, 2020. The total cost of this training was \$2,538.49. Please see the table below for a detailed breakdown of the expenses. This training provided valuable information on supervising internet crimes against children investigations. The National Criminal Justice Training Center of Fox Valley Technical College hosted this course using funding awarded under the ICAC Task Force National Training Program from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. We applied for reimbursement of lodging and transportation expenses from the Wisconsin Department of Justice Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, and it is our understanding that we will receive partial reimbursement.

ICAC Unit Supervisor Training – March 2-5, 2020 – Captain Aaron Burdick				
Tuition	Transportation	Lodging Including Parking	Food	Total Cost
\$0.00	\$939.55	\$1,214.25 + \$185.50	\$199.19	\$2,538.49

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Sheriff Troy J. Knudson

By: Nicole Barrington  
 Training Bureau Secretary

CC: County Administrator Josh Smith  
 Chief Deputy Craig Strouse