



PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – June 4, 2018

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Owens, Fell, Hawes and Knudson.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Nick Osborne, Assistant to the County Administrator; Sgt. Shena Kohler, Sheriff's Office - Emergency Management; Emily Jernigan, Child Support Director; David O'Leary, District Attorney.

Others Present: Supervisor Podzilni.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. Supervisor Podzilni handed around a May 15, 2017 Dallas Morning News article sent to him regarding better bulletproof vests for police.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of May 21, 2018 as presented, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers None.

Authorization to Award Auto Body Repair Services to Gordie Boucher for the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of Gordie Boucher, Janesville, WI for Auto Body Repair Services for the Sheriff's Office, second by Supervisor Hawes. ADOPTED.

Updates.

Maps of Siren Locations and the Associated Coverage Areas Sgt. Kohler went over the three maps showing the location of the various sirens and the area of coverage each siren provides. Sgt. Kohler said, with the newer sirens giving more coverage, when some of the older sirens expire they will not be replaced if the area of coverage is provided by a newer one.

Discussion and Possible Action on the Needs of the District Attorney's Office for Staffing Changes Mr. O'Leary informed the Committee of the staffing issues he has in his office due to the increased volume of work. His staff have caseloads of 500-600 cases each and they cannot farm any of this work out. He said he is having difficulties keeping staff and the reason given is they have more work than can be done. He said he will be bringing back a request for additional staff to the next meeting. Mr. O'Leary added that the police cutbacks are putting more work on his office, i.e. Spillman look ups, etc. Also, stress is up because of the workload and professionalism is suffering.

Mr. O'Leary said the County Administrator and Human Resources have come up with some additional space so he doesn't have to have some of his staff working in hallways.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 4:18 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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