

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – October 20, 2014**

**Call to Order.** Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on October 20, 2014 in Conference Room N-1, Courthouse East.

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

**Committee Members Excused:** Supervisor Knudson.

**Staff Members Present:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Mediation and Family Court Director; Diane Michaelis, Office Manager, Sheriff's Office; Louis Smit, Chief Deputy Coroner.

**Others Present:** Barry Irmen, Director of Operations, Dane County Medical Examiner's Office.

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

**Adoption of Minutes.** Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of October 6, 2014 as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information.** None.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers and Appropriations.** None.

**Bills/Encumbrances**

Sheriff	\$ 2,132.52
OWI Task Force Grant	1,081.98
2014 Highway Safety Project	1,081.98
Cops and Kids Foundation Program	150.00
2014 JAG Grant	30,700.00
Correctional Facility	642.90
Emergency Management	80.00
911 Project Operations	410.00
District Attorney	687.86
Coroner	8,359.70
Child Support	805.66

**Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.**

**911 Communications Center**

JP Morgan Chase Bank NA	\$ 74.00
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Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the above Transfers and Appropriations, Bills and Encumbrances and Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

**Approve Contract with Bob Barker for Inmate Uniforms for Rock County Sheriff's Office.** Supervisor Brill moved to approve the contract with Bob Barker for inmate uniforms, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

**Third Quarter Activity Report – Mediation and Family Court Services.** Ms. Costrini-Norgal said she feels they will have about 500 cases by year end.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld asked about the ratio of unmarried people. Ms. Costrini-Norgal said the caseload for unmarried people has gone up and the average age is over 22. Their ages have gone up and usually at least one of the parents are working.

Ms. Baker Ellis said Mediation helps quite a bit with the parents taking responsibility for both the child and for support of the child.

**Budget Review.**

**Child Support** Ms. Baker Ellis said she is satisfied with her budget.

**Clerk of Courts** Mr. Smith said they are cutting back a bit because of the unknowns, such as juror meals, so they may need to come back to amend the budget.

**Communications Center** Ms. Sukus said they are able to use sales tax for replacements and maintenance costs for the most part. She added that they are holding off on the texting to 911 until the beginning of 2016. Ms. Sukus said they will be getting a break on next year's maintenance due to problems with the phone system.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld asked about the Edgerton Tower. Ms. Sukus said we are still waiting for responses from five tribes. We are impressing on them this is for public safety and not just a cell tower.

**District Attorney** Mr. Smith said there are just minor reductions due to unknowns.

**Mediation and Family Court Services** Ms. Costrini-Norgal said her budget is part of the Clerk of Courts but that she has no problem with the recommended budget.

**Medical Examiner** Mr. Smith said we have already talked about this quite a bit and the only change is an increase in cremation fees, which have not been changed for quite a while.

Mr. Irmen said the County is going through the recruitment process; the written test was given over the past weekend; interviews are coming up; then the training will take place in their office. He mentioned there were over 100 applicants. Mr. Terronez added the Sheriff, Fire Chief and various funeral directors will be going over the applications before the interviews and ranking them for the interview panel.

**Sheriff** Ms. Michaelis said the budget process went well and that the digital and maintenance fees are taking up a good part of their budget. Mr. Smith added that the jail management software will help over time to help cut costs.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld asked if we are getting a good return on the dogs. Ms. Michaelis said after the purchase of the dog most everything is donated.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council** Mr. Smith said most of this is under the Sheriff's budget. He added that they had one change in that they will cease using ATTIC and will be using the Human Services Department.

**Rock Valley Community Programs** Mr. Smith said the residential and community services programs will remain the same as 2014.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld said over the past eight to ten years they have made tremendous strides. He added that they are serving 165 meals three times per day for 365 days per year; and the veterans are getting good attention.

Mr. Smith said the County contracts with Harper's Place through the Human Services Department.

**Committee Requests and Motions.** Chair Beaver said the first meeting in November will be held at 911 Communications Center.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld suggested a tour of the District Attorney's office for an upcoming meeting. Ms. Costrini-Norgal suggested the Committee stop in her office at that time and her office is near theirs.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Fell moved adjournment at 4:40 P.M., second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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