

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 12, 2017**

Present: Dan Drew, Adam Field, Kirk Konkel, Mark Sleger, Teresa Sumnicht
Also Present: County Board Chair Gove, County Board 1st Vice Chair Cupery, County Board 2nd Vice Chair Foley, Susanna Bradley, Sheriff Richards, Lieutenant Brandner, Lieutenant Stilson, Emergency Management Coordinator Johnson, Medical Examiner Hinze, Jonathan Stefonek (PDR), Joe Ruf, Sue Moll

Called to Order. Posting Compliance. Agenda Approval. Minutes Approval. Chairman's Comments.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Konkel.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) ***Motion was made by Drew to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.***
- 4) ***Motion made by Sleger to approve the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Sumnicht. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** Konkel commended the Sheriff's Department staff on the recent Didion explosion. Sheriff Richards expressed thanks to the Cambria community and surrounding areas for support, food and refreshments. Keith Warnke of DNR, gave an update on the Shooting Range in the town of Lowville. He stated the site is prepped for construction. A construction company from Ripon will begin as soon as final approvals are received. A tentative start date is mid-July with completion in August and open in September. Drew asked for follow up on issues at other shooting locations and how they were addressed.

Emergency Management. (Johnson)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** A report on activities was distributed.
 -) **Alliant Energy/GridEx 2017 Grant** Johnson stated the grant has been signed and sent to the State. The purpose of the grant is to fund training for a tabletop exercise on the power plant grid.
- 3) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed.
- 4) ***After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure report, a motion was made by Drew to approve the report. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.***
- 5) Chair Gove commended Johnson and Richards on their involvement during the Didion incident.

Lake Wisconsin Slow No-Wake

Bill Austin, cottage owner on Lake Wisconsin (Cty Hwy U) and member of the Grade Board Club, expressed concerns about the recent flood event and the no-wake zone was not activated. Johnson responded with current procedure. Richards also provided comments about the challenges of enforcement of the no-wake zone.

Sheriff's Office/Jail. (Richards, Brandner, Stilson)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Richards gave a report of the past month's activities. He also reported on the Didion explosion, stating many agencies were on the grounds assisting. The dispatchers did an awesome job dealing with the emergency, in addition to the regular incoming calls (Thirty-five 911 calls received within the hour). Richards also shared concerns with law enforcement being exposed to drugs and the need for Narcan to compensate from exposure. He's reviewing possible solutions to the problem.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 151. Two new jailers started recently.
- 3) **Position Replacement Request – Dispatcher.** . ***Motion by Field to approve the Position Replacement Request for Dispatcher. Seconded by Sumnicht. Motion carried.***
- 4) **Position Replacement Request – Jailer, 4 positions.** . ***Motion by Drew to approve the Position Replacement Request for 4 Jailers. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.***
- 5) **New Position Requests – Deputy Sheriff, Non-Sworn Lieutenant, Patrol Lieutenant.** ***Motion by Drew***

to recommend the new position requests for a Deputy Sheriff, Non-Sworn Lieutenant and Patrol Lieutenant for consideration during the 2018 budget process. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.

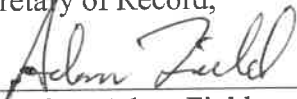
- 6) **Exhumation Fee (South Beaver Dam Cemetery Invoice).** *After a review of the invoice, a motion was made by Sleger to approve payment of the invoice and line item transfer, with the Sheriff and the Accounting department determining what account(s) to use for payment. Seconded by Sumnicht. Motion carried. The Finance Committee will also consider the line item transfer request.*
- 7) **Expenditure Reports.** *Visual review of reports was completed. After a review of the Sheriff's Office's expenditure report, a motion was made by Drew to approve the report. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

Medical Examiner. (Hinze)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** *Handouts were provided. Konkel thanked Hinze and her staff on their work during the Didion incident.*
- 2) **Fees.** *Hinze proposed increasing Death Certificate, Cremation Permit and Removal fees by 1.3%. After a review of the proposed fee schedule, a motion was made by Drew to approve the fee increase as presented. Seconded by Sleger. Field will not be supporting the fee increase, stating other counties have lower fees. Motion carried, not unanimous.*
- 3) **Expenditure Report.** *Visual review of report was completed. After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made to approve the report by Drew. Seconded by Sumnicht. Motion carried.*

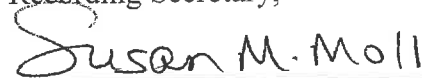
Motion by Drew to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Adam Field
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



Susan M. Moll
County Clerk

cc: Public Safety Members
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1st Vice Chair Cupery
2nd Vice Chair Foley
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