

Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 10, 2013

Present: Kirk Konkol, Adam Field, Fred Teitgen, Joann Wingers

Noticed: Kevin Kessler

Also Present: County Board Chair Ross, County Board Vice Chair Gove, Corporation Counsel Ruf, Chief Deputy Babcock, Lieutenant Stilson, Sergeant Kjorlie, Jailer Fischer, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, Medical Examiner Hinze, Columbia County Towns Chair Jim Foley, PDR Lyn Jerde, NaDeanna Giuffre

I. Called to Order. Posting Compliance. Approve Agenda. Pass Minutes. Chairman's Comments.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Konkol.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Field to approve the agenda. Seconded by Teitgen. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion made by Wingers to approve the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 5) Chair's Comments: Chair Konkol reminded the committee of the upcoming 06/25/13 Department Head/County Board Supervisor meeting at the Law Enforcement Center. July Committee meeting will be held Monday, 07/08/13, as planned.

II. Emergency Management.

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. A large tabletop regional exercise at Columbus Chemical involving over 40 area responders from Dodge and Columbia is scheduled for 06/10/13. Next year this tabletop exercise will expand and involve multiple local, state and federal agencies. Wisconsin River concerns continue to grow as water levels have remained below flood stage, but have put a number of roads in the Black Hawk area under water for an extended period of time. Recent medical emergencies required Portage Fire to assist EMS in getting people out.
- 2) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure reports, a motion was made by Field to approve the reports. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried*

III. Sheriff's Office/Jail.

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout for May was provided. Discussion. Chief Deputy Babcock was asked about the ongoing KwikTrip fuel program. The program is working very well for the Sheriff's Office – both in expense and public relations. Konkol requested the Comptroller to work the gallon age per month of the Sheriff's Office (using KT program) versus usage by Human Services (using County Highway fuel system) to determine which system is most cost effective. Babcock presented a drug activity handout which reflects the increase in drug work and activities thus far in 2013. The results are overwhelming. Because of this, additional staff is being proposed in 2014 budget. Discussions in both Judiciary and Public Safety Committees conclude dramatic increases in calls for service and drug activity.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 150. Babcock discussed a recent incident in the jail where Jailers Andy Schwartz and Jenny Schultz assisted in a choking inmate incident. Schwartz will be nominated to the Awards Committee for a possible Lifesaving Award.
- 3) **County Radio Project-Babcock.** Poynette Village Board said yes for the install of additional equipment on the water tower. They will not charge us rent for the space and they will pay for the utilities, but they are unwilling to share in the additional equipment costs of \$102,156. Babcock will also go to the

Finance Committee on Thursday to discuss. The draft proposal with the village was discussed and will be forwarded onto Corporation Counsel for their review. Because there are known problem areas all over the county, Chief White's 100% coverage expectations may be unrealistic. *Motion by Teitgen to recommend to the Finance Committee the approval of the notion of providing equipment with the caveat that the Village of Poynette will make some contribution (10%) towards the equipment proposal of \$102,156. Seconded by Field. Discussion. Motion carried.*

- 4) **Out of State Training Budget Overage.** Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen to recommend the approval of covering the overage from the current training budget. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Replacement Position Request—Deputy Sheriff.** Deputy Justin Stenberg resigned from the department after eight years of service. *Motion to approve the replacement position for Deputy Sheriff and add any additional backfill needed if any internal candidate is offered/accepts the Deputy Sheriff position. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried.*
- 6) **Update on Sick Leave upon Layoff.** On behalf of Sheriff Richards, Chief Deputy Babcock advised that Sheriff Richards vehemently opposes the proposed change. Although HR and the county call this change more of a “fairness” issue amongst county employees, the Sheriff goes on to state that the differences between our jail and non-sworn staff is far different than courthouse staff. More sick use will be anticipated in the “use it or lose it” mentality and will create more of an internal problem due to the fact that when someone calls in sick, overtime is always needed for coverage.
- 7) **Non-Sworn Bereavement Policy.** Jailer Ann Fischer was present to present her recent discrepancy of the language in the current policy. The interpretation between the social versus formal definition of the language in the policy was discussed. *Motion by Teitgen to recommend the referral of the bereavement policy onto the Human Resource Committee for their discretion and further clarification. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried.*
- 8) **ERN Ordinance.** Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen to change line 343 and insert “will, when possible” language. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried.* Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen to amend the \$80 fee to \$75 and insert “see section 28-1-8 (c) for Economy of Scale. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.* Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen for County Board action on Chapter 2 and Fee Schedule for County Ordinance amendments made today. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried.*
- 9) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of expenditure reports was completed. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office and Jail expenditure reports, a motion was made by Wingers to approve the reports. Seconded by Teitgen. Motion carried.*

VI. Medical Examiner.

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Call volumes are normalizing and Hinze anticipates that revenues will even out with the year-end estimations. The new vehicle is working very well. The old van was presumably sold at auction, but final sales amount is still unknown at this point. Monthly staff meetings and trainings continue to progress very well.
- 2) **Fee Waiving and Signed Ordinance from 2008.** Handout provided. Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen to update the Section 2.13 Collection of Unpaid Invoices and be newly signed, dated, and kept on file. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried.*
- 3) **Expenditure Report.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made to approve by Field. Seconded by Wingers. Motion carried.*

CLOSED SESSION: Jail Staffing Analysis. *Motion by Teitgen to enter into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85(1)(d), except as provided in section 304.06(1)(eg) and by rule promulgated under section 304.06(1)(em), considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention (Jail Staffing Analysis and Jail Staffing Agreement Between County Board and County Sheriff). Seconded by Field. Roll call: Teitgen-yes;*

Field-yes; Konkel-yes; Wingers-yes. Motion carried. Also present: Chief Deputy Michael Babcock, Lieutenant James Stilson, Sergeant Brian Kjorlie, County Board Chair Andy Ross, County Board Vice Chair Vern Gove, Corporation Counsel Joseph Ruf, Executive Secretary NaDeanna Giuffre.

Motion by Teitgen to re-enter back into open session. Seconded by Field. Roll call: Teitgen-yes; Field-yes; Konkel-yes; Wingers-yes. Motion carried. This topic will be placed back onto the July agenda.

Motion by Field to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 a.m. Seconded by Teitgen. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Monday, July 8, 2013.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Vice Chair Adam Field
Committee Vice Chair

NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Richards

cc: Judiciary Members
Chair Ross
Vice Chair Gove
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