

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 13, 2015**

Present: Kirk Konkell, Adam Field, Susanna Bradley, Dan Drew, Mark Sleger (Arrived at 8:41am)
Also Present: Co Board Vice Chair Cupery, Sheriff Richards, Chief Deputy Babcock, Det. Lt. Brandner, Medical Examiner Hinze, Chief Deputy ME Sopha, MIS Hartman, PDR Lyn Jerde, ES Giuffre

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

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Konkell.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Field to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion made by Bradley to approve the previous month's meeting minutes. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** August 2015 committee meeting will start at 8 a.m.

Emergency Management. (No representative present. Begun on scene in Columbus from previous night's weather incident.)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Tabled to August meeting.
- 2) **All Hazards Mitigation Plan Adoption.** Tabled to August meeting.
- 3) **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 Drew. Motion carried.*

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

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout was provided. Discussion. The Sheriff discussed multiple calls lately including suicides, drowning, and a recent shooting incident. The Sheriff stated that although the outcome was a tragedy, it could have been far worse. He commended and discussed his utmost respect of his staff, specifically Deputy Poulin, Det. Lt. Brandner and Dispatcher Simonson, on their actions throughout the entire incident. The enforcement efforts also included Wisconsin DNR and Sauk County Sheriff's Office as well. The Public Safety Committee also commended the Sheriff's Office for their continued professionalism. New personnel: two new deputies will be starting in the near future. One on 07/18/15 and the second deputy will begin academy in September.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 153.
- 3) **Change in Outlay.** Instead of purchasing two used vehicles, it was requested to purchase one new fleet vehicle. Any remaining monies would be used to outfit the squad. Discussion. *Motion by Bradley to approve moving the \$28,000 over to purchase a new squad. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*
- 4) **Encrypted Data Switches.** MIS John Hartman explained that the fiber optics between the Law Enforcement Center to the Administration Building. Hartman explained that FBI data rules require the encryption of the underground cable. The required data switch gear is needed on both sides. Total cost is approximately \$37,000 from general fund. *Motion by Drew to approve this encryption process. Seconded by Field. Discussion. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Job Description Update – Executive Secretary.** Reviewed proposed job description. Discussion. *Motion by Field to approve the proposed job description and forward it onto the Human Resource Committee. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*
- 6) **Position Replacement Request – Secretary.** After approximately two years, Secretary Connie Curtin resigned from her position. This replacement request has already been approved through the HR Committee. *Motion by Field to approve the replacement of the Secretary position. Seconded by Bradley. Discussion. Motion carried.*

- 7) **Position Replacement Request – Deputy Sheriff.** After 29 ½ years of service, Deputy Thomas Gessner retired from his position. *Motion by Field to replace the Deputy Sheriff position. Seconded by Drew. Discussion. Motion carried.*
- 8) **Expenditures.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office/Jail expenditure reports, a motion was made by Bradley to approve the reports. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*

Recreational Shooting in Columbia County. (DNR Eric Lobner.)

Timeline handout was provided. Discussion. Lobner will look into the MATC shooting range partnership. There will be a lull until the public hearings are held. Lobner will stay in contact with Chair Konkel.

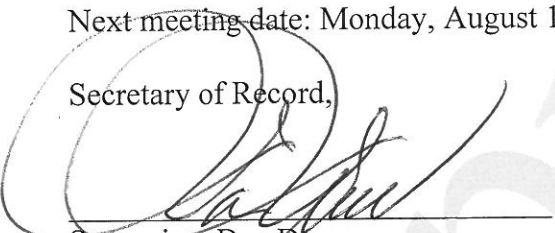
Medical Examiner. (Hinze, Sopha)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout was provided. Discussion.
- 2) **Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Update.** Discussion.
- 3) **Fee Schedule Update.** Although Columbia County took a proactive step to raise our fees before the state budget was signed, those fees were struck down and will now remain the same retroactive to 04/17/15. What this means for Columbia County is that we may have to instruct funeral homes to bring their deceased to our morgue to be viewed and do the pre-cremation exams here. Of course, with additional costs applied to funeral homes, will then be placed back on the families. Close monitoring of the billing will need to be done otherwise the county may need to reimburse. Discussion. Should lesser services be offered/provided? Hinze stated the level and quality of services provided will not change.
- 4) **Expenditure Report.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made by Bradley to approve the report. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*

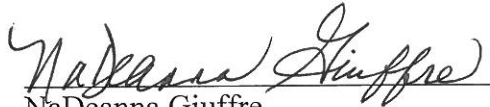
Motion by Bradley to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 a.m. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Monday, August 10, 2015 at 8a.m.

Secretary of Record,


 Supervisor Dan Drew
 Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,


 NaDeanna Giuffre
 Assistant to Sheriff Richards

cc: Public Safety Members
 Chair Gove
 Vice Chair Cupery
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