

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
June 10, 2019**

Present: Barry Pufahl, Dan Drew, Keith Miller, Tom Borgkvist, Christopher Polzer, Gary Leatherberry

Also Present: Vern Gove, James Foley, Krista Miller, Shonna Neary, Roger Brandner, Greg Bisch, Jim Stilson, Kathy Johnson, Marie Darling Ellis, Angela Hinze, PDR Brad Allen, NaDeanna Giuffre

Monthly Agenda Items:

- 1) Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Pufahl.
- 2) Compliance with Open Meeting Law. Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) Approval of Agenda. *Motion by Borgkvist to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by Miller to approve the previous month's minutes as presented. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 5) Approval of Expenditure Reports. Reports will be reviewed by each office.
- 6) Public Input: None.
- 7) Chair's Comments: Pufahl advised that the Public Safety Committee will review the 2020 budget proposals at the 08/12/19 meeting beginning at 9 a.m.

Emergency Management. (Johnson, Darling Ellis)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Report viewed overhead. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure reports for May, a motion was made by Miller to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report was viewed overhead. Discussion. Johnson discussed the Columbus River gauge, Celebration of Freedom event being held in September, PIO class being offered in August and September, A spike to 15 participants in the Project Lifesaver Program was discussed. All Hazards Mitigation Planning Meeting is set for 06/27/19 at the Columbia County Law Enforcement Center. Johnson will send invite to the committee for their information and invite if they would like to attend.
- 3) **Columbus/Crawfish River Gauge.** This gauge was installed in 2012. Over the years, the transducers have malfunctioned and needed replacement. The Columbus/Crawfish River gauge failed and incurred a greater expense. Johnson requested further guidance on how to proceed with this overage. *Motion by Miller to approve the payment for the standard fee and for the county to cover the balance. Seconded by Polzer. Motion failed.* Discussion. Johnson was directed to invoice Columbus for the overage.

Medical Examiner. (Hinze)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Report viewed overhead. *After a review of the Medical Examiner's May expenditure report, a motion was made by Borgkvist to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Leatherberry. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Viewed monthly report overhead. Discussion. Hinze briefly discussed the Wisconsin Coroners Association conference and the speaking engagement/presentation including her office as well as representatives from both the Sheriff's Office as well as Emergency Management Office. Hinze advised that she will be attending the upcoming active shooter training to learn where her office will be needed and when. The ME's Office currently has a UW-Platteville intern who seems to be enjoying the experience. Supervisor Polzer thanked Hinze for her extra time and effort with her internship program.

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

- Expenditure Reports.** Monthly report was reviewed. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's May expenditure reports, a motion was made by Polzer to accept and approve the report as presented. Seconded by Miller. Discussion. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Viewed monthly report overhead. The Sheriff made mention of many topics to include the Motorola Solutions/Spillman software kickoff from early in May. The Sheriff credited Sergeants Brian Kjorlie, Matthew Menard, and Elisabeth Schutz for the smooth transition. Sheriff Brandner updated the committee that Deputy Hayes successfully completed and graduated from the Police Academy and is now in Field Training. Lt. Wayne Smith has been assigned to serve under a temporary police contract with the City of Lodi. Lt. Smith is doing extremely well and well received in the city. Deputy Max Jenatscheck continues to learn and train community members, schools, and businesses in active shooter incidents. The county experienced two fatal crashes since the last meeting and four overdose deaths. There were 19 OWI arrests. Due to the resignation of our K9 Deputy Greg Kaschinske and selling K9 Recon to his family, the Sheriff's Office will be seeking a replacement K9 later this year through the resources made available through fundraisers and donations. Through the restructuring and promotional processes of the Sheriff's Office administration, Todd Horn was promoted to Patrol Lieutenant. Supervisor Polzer expressed his support and admiration of the premier executive law enforcement training known as the WI Command College. Recently Poynette Police Chief Eric Fisher, and Lieutenant Richard Hoege of the Portage Police Office are graduates. The Sheriff also mentioned that Sheriff's Office personnel have also successfully graduated from this same program. Qualifying, being accepted, and ultimately graduating are extremely difficult. Several Sheriff's Office staff members have already attended and Chief Deputy Bisch was accepted for the fall 2019 session.
 - 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 159. Captain Stilson informed the committee that in the past month, there have been 221 bookings, 215 releases. The Pod 1 upgrade/restoration project is ongoing. Stilson also reported that to help combat some mental health issues, many are seen regularly by medical and psychological professionals from Pauquette Center.
 - 4) **Court Services Unit.** Viewed current 2019 CSU budget overhead. The Sheriff wishes to continue to provide service with the current level of staffing with those be deputized and firearm-qualifying and carrying. With that in mind, attracting qualified former law enforcement staff is difficult. The Sheriff proposed increasing the wage from \$18 to \$20 in the 2020 budget to better attract more part-time certified law enforcement staff. Chair Gove spoke and recommended this topic be moved forward before the 2020 budget. With adding additional Columbia County Buildings with security, adding additional Level 3 CSU staff members was also discussed. This topic could be added to the pre-county HR and Executive Committee meeting as a topic for discussion. *Motion by Polzer to increase the Level 3 CSU wage from \$18 to \$20 effective immediately. Seconded by Miller. Discussion. Committee vote. Pufahl and Leatherberry abstained. Motion carried.*
 - 5) **Truck Purchase.** With no additional monies from the county, the Sheriff wishes purchasing a truck for the Detective Sergeant division for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. From that total, \$18,000 is already in the budget and additional money will be drawn from the drug seizure account. *Motion by Miller to approve the Sheriff's purchase of a detective division truck for an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Seconded by Leatherberry. Motion carried.*
 - 6) **Position Replacement Request – Deputy (Kaschinske).** Discussion. After 16 years of service, Deputy Greg Kaschinske is departing from Columbia County to work in the private sector. *Motion by Drew to approve the Position Replacement Request – Patrol Deputy. Seconded by Borgkvist. Motion carried.*
 - 7) **Position Replacement Request – Jailer (Gruenwald).** Discussion. *Motion by Drew to approve the Position Replacement Request – Jailer. Seconded by Borgkvist. Motion carried.*
 - 8) **Patrol Lieutenant Wage Compression.** Sheriff Brandner explained the ongoing issue of wage compression. All patrol lieutenant positions are affected with every increase granted to the Sworn (Sergeants and Deputies) staff through their union contracts. Chair Pufahl recommended the Sheriff to meet with Corporation Counsel/HR Director Ruf on a plan for the 2020 budget. County Board Chair Gove recommended the

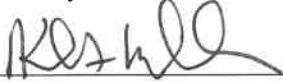
committee and departments act more quickly further suggesting that this topic could perhaps be heard at a special meeting Pre-County Board meeting.

Out of State Conference. Through already budgeted monies, (three from Jail and one or two from MIS), the Sheriff wishes to send three from the Sheriff's Office (Sergeants Schutz, Kjorlie, Menard) members.

Motion by Borgkvist to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

The next meeting date: Monday, July 8, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Keith Miller
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Brandner

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