

Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 8, 2019

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

Excused

w/Notice: Gary Leatherberry

Also Present: Vern Gove, James Foley, Joe Ruf, Shonna Neary, Roger Brandner, Jim Stilson, Kathy Johnson, Angela Hinze, 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 Miller to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by Drew to approve the previous month's minutes as presented. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 5) Approval of Expenditure Reports. Reports will be reviewed by each office.
- 6) Public Input: None.
- 7) Chair's Comments: Chair Pufahl requested that the budget packets from all three offices be hand-delivered at least one week before the budget review meeting on 08/12/19. Chair Pufahl further requested Supervisor Dan Drew to lead the discussion on the 2020 budget at the August committee meeting. Drew agreed to do so.

Emergency Management. (Johnson)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Report viewed overhead. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure reports for June, 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 and in individual binders. Discussion. Johnson's update discussion included the State of Wisconsin Disaster Fund, Portage Active Shooter training stating the next schools being worked on will be Fall River, Columbus, and Cambria, and the slow, no wake placed on Swan Lake.

Medical Examiner. (Hinze, Intern Brett Reuter)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Report viewed overhead. *After a review of the Medical Examiner's June expenditure report, a motion was made by Borgkvist to approve the report as presented. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Viewed monthly report overhead and in individual binders. Discussion. Hinze discussed topics to include Opioid Task Force and Overdose meetings this week. Hinze offered ridealong opportunities to the committee members.

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

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** Monthly report was reviewed. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's June expenditure reports, a motion was made by Borgkvist to accept and approve the report as presented. Seconded by Polzer. Discussion. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Viewed monthly report overhead and in individual binders. With the growing safety concerns regarding anti-government groups, the Sheriff discussed that more deputies are requesting to carry a firearm while off duty. Chair Pufahl directed Sheriff to look for funds in 2019 and/or budget for them in 2020 budget to purchase a smaller version of their on-duty firearm for patrol staff. The Sheriff further briefed the committee on various other topics to include a recent officer involved shooting incident in Marquette County, an unfortunate drowning of a young person in the Dells area, a double fatal

crash, and 12 drugged/drunken arrests during the holiday weekend. Waterways were patrolled approximately 15 hours this past weekend as well. From the June 28 storm that came through the county, the Sheriff's Office received a total of 149 calls for service, 69 were 911 calls, and those were just the weather-related calls. The Sheriff advised the committee that our very own Dispatch Sergeant Elisabeth Schutz was named the EMS Dispatcher of the Year. Polzer expressed his commendations to the Sheriff's Office staff and spoke highly of his recent ridealong with Deputy Chris Weber.

- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 162. Captain Stilson informed the committee that in the past month, there have been 237 bookings and 229 releases. There were 98 doctor visits, 78 nurse visits, and three emergency room visits. Stilson advised that we are currently holding five state and five federal inmates.
- 4) **Change in Capital Outlay.** Jail classification software was originally budgeted for purchase in 2018 and then subsequently carried over into 2019 to be purchased this year. Due to the new Spillman Software having suitable capabilities in managing jail classification, this freed up those monies. Therefore, those monies are now being requested to be used to purchase department vehicles and cover vehicle changeover costs. Discussion. *Motion by Miller to approve the change in capital outlay from Jail Capital Outlay to Sheriff's Administration Capital Outlay-Autos for \$42,250. Seconded by Borgkvist. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Line Item Transfer.** Because the unmarked vehicle fleet is depleted and vehicles are having increased maintenance issues, a line item transfer of \$30,000 from Sheriff's Administration Gas/Oil account to Sheriff's Administration Capital Outlay-Autos is being sought. Discussion. *Motion by Miller to approve the line item transfer of \$30,000 from Sheriff's Administration Gas/Oil account to Sheriff's Administration Capital Outlay-Autos. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 6) **Position Replacement Request – Jailer (Smith).** Discussion. *Motion by Borgkvist to approve the position replacement request for Jailer. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.*
- 7) **Wage Adjustment – Patrol Lieutenants.** At the June Public Safety Committee meeting, Sheriff Brandner was asked to meet with HR Director Ruf and encouraged to have the wage compression involving the patrol lieutenants addressed this year if possible and in the 2020 budget. Costing handouts from the Human Resources Office were provided to the committee. Sheriff Brandner reiterated that the ongoing issue of wage compression continues and this costing proposal from the HR Office as a short-term fix. Discussion. *Motion by Miller to accept the proposal as presented. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*

Motion by Polzer to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 a.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.


The next meeting date: Monday, August 12, 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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