

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
July 11, 2022**

Present: Keith Miller, Liz Miller, Theresa Valencia, Mike Weyh, Troy Ryan
Also Present: Chris Polzer, Denise Brusveen, Joseph Ruf, Jessica Hale, Shonna Neary, David Drews, Jason Willemarck, Bob Koch, Katelyn Schara, Madeleine Meeker, Stephanie Nickel, Angela Smith, Roger Brandner, Greg Bisch, Jim Stilson, John Stefonek, NaDeanna Giuffre

Monthly Agenda Items:

- 1) Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by K. Miller.
- 2) Compliance with Open Meeting Law. Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) Approval of Agenda. *Motion was made by L. Miller to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by Weyh to approve the previous month meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 5) Public Input: n/a.
- 6) Approval of Expenditure Reports. Reports will be reviewed by each office.
- 7) Chair's Comments: Chair Miller spoke about the upcoming budget process.

Emergency Management. (Koch)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Expenditure report was previously provided to the committee, posted on CCBoard/Public Safety Committee, and during the meeting. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure report, a motion was made by L. Miller to approve the report. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Activity report was previously provided to the committee on CCBoard/Public Safety Committee. Koch presented his report and highlighted a recent hazardous spill that occurred June 13-14 that took approximately seven hours with many resources to resolve. Koch recently graduated from the FEMA EM Basic Academy. Columbia County has experienced several severe weather events in the past month to include severe storms, tornado warnings, and elevated heat indexes. Cooling shelters were made available to combat the heat. Koch explained and provided short videos of an MVB 3X modular vehicle barrier device for use during his risk incidents. This device would provide better public safety in largely attended events. Devices can be set up by one person and would be available for all county departments and law enforcement municipalities. Sections can be reused; however, after an actual event where a vehicle drives over the sections, they would need to be disposed of and replaced. Koch is interested in purchasing 72 sections and utilize ARPA funds.
- 3) **Vehicle Listing/Odometer Reading Report.** Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approved the odometer report as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously*

Medical Examiner. (Schara)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Expenditure report was previously provided to the committee via email, posted on CCBoard/Public Safety Committee, and during the meeting. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made by L. Miller to approve the report. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Schara provided highlights for the month stating that there was a total of 44 cases investigated. Forty were certified, 27 were cremations, one GSW homicide, three traffic fatalities, two autopsies, two donations, six Versiti donations, and one county-waived fee. Schara advised her office attended and assisted with a debriefing following a motorcycle double-fatality and attended Narcan training at Health and Human Services. All of her staff now carry Narcan in call bags/response vehicles. Staffing update: intern has been to two autopsies and assisted on the double-fatal motorcycle crash. Only one deputy ME is picking up shifts due to staff shortages.
- 3) **Vehicle Listing/Odometer Reading Report.** Discussion. *Motion by Weyh to approve the odometer report as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*

MAT Program Status Report. (Smith)

Updates were emailed 07/08/22 and discussed at meeting. For the MAT Program, there are currently 19 consumers in intake, 17 consumers receiving case management, and three pending referrals/outreach. For NNAI, there are currently 10 consumers open and active outreach at the jail continues. A milestone of 100 initiated outreaches have been achieved. Success rates/stories and hard data should be generated and brought to August PSC meeting to show that this type of programming is worth the time and money. With tight budgets, allocations of time, money, and other resources need to be prioritized as they may be needed elsewhere.

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

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** Expenditure report was previously provided to the committee via email, posted on CCBoard/Public Safety Committee, and during the meeting. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's expenditure reports, a motion was made by L. Miller to approve the report. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Activity report was previously provided to the committee on CCBoard/Public Safety Committee. Sheriff Brandner provided highlights to include the following: with the jail being the only revenue builder, attempts are being made to increase the inmate population to earn more revenue. Calls for service are up again for incidents where deputies respond, but these do not include the growing number of phone calls received. Kids' Day in Portage was held on 06/24/22. It was another huge success in educating, building rapport, gaining respect, and garnering support from kids as they grow into adults. Largely attended events such as parades, graduations, county fairs or local fundraising events are requiring more and more proactive and reactive security as safety concerns are growing, not just locally, but nationwide. Community expectations are demanding protection from random acts of violence occurring. A homicide occurred within the county that was likely a drug deal gone bad. Drugs play a very negative role in our communities. From topnotch detective work from Madison Police and the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and our license plate readers and available technology, the suspects were quickly arrested. The Sheriff's Office uses the BOSS and Flock systems. Dispatch staff shortages: with more and more staff members leaving law enforcement for M-F jobs, there is no interest internally for the current Dispatch Sergeant opening. Because of this, an external candidate process will be done. A 12-hour shift proposal for the sworn deputies is being discussed by the union and Sheriff's Office administration. Patrol Sergeants and K9 Units are already on 12-hour shifts. These shifts are better for consistency in scheduling. The intent is to increase the number of deputies on-duty on each shift. Budgeting for 2023. The Sheriff explained that through some preliminary research, squad car costs have increased \$4000 to \$6000 and computer program software have also increased. The programs

we have are needed and if cuts have to be made to our budgets, it will have to be personnel, but we need our personnel too. The Sheriff explained that now is not the time to defund police and in fact more staff should be requested, not cutting staff. There is no room for cuts in any of our budgets. The Sheriff further explained that the committee will see that the Sheriff's Office has had balanced and good budgets the previous years and cut wherever it could be. Because the demands on law enforcement are greater and more and more is being asked from them, it seems to be a spirally effect. When other municipal agencies are off or have no one scheduled to cover their jurisdictions, the county must cover. Proactive enforcement and public safety are not cheap and the demands for more services continue to increase. The Sheriff explained that cuts to the 2023 budget will be made where they can be made, but if not, it is solely because the demand for services do not allow for it. In the early morning hours and as the meeting began, the Sheriff's Office was investigating a burglary that took place at a gas station in Caledonia Township. The Sheriff explained that this was a smash and grab. The vehicles came back as stolen and a high-speed pursuit ensued.

- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Counts: 157. The inmate count was up from holding inmates from Marathon, Dodge, and ES inmates. Captain Stilson advised that June had 251 bookings and 243 releases. Medical totals for June were as follows: 62 doctor visits, 561 nurse screens, and three ER visits. The jail medical staff consists of two fulltime registered nurses and one contracted doctor. The HSU director works days and the nurse works noon-8pm. The contracted doctor works with our nurses. The mental health services contract is being scrutinized as an area of possibly saving for the budget. Citation forfeiture breakdown was discussed and what monies actually come back to the Sheriff's Office.
- 4) **Position Replacement Request - Jailer.** Discussion. After failing to complete field training to the department standards, a jailer was terminated from employment. *Motion by Weyh to approve the position replacement request for Ronald Wolff as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 5) **Position Replacement Request - Dispatcher.** Discussion. Jade Lloyd is leaving to pursue a Monday through Friday position with the Columbia County Child Support Agency. *Motion by Weyh to approve the position replacement request for Dispatcher Jade Lloyd as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 6) **2023 Position Requests/Revisions – Dispatcher 12-Hour Shifts.** Based on the suggestion from Vice Chair Rohrbeck, the Sheriff brought this topic to the oversight committee for discussion and possible approval. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2023 position request/revisions to move the dispatch staff to 12-hour shifts with a \$19,292 increase in dispatcher wages for 2023 as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Discussion. This will increase their hours to 40 hours per week. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 7) **Line Item Transfer – Genetec Software Licenses.** Discussion on transferring \$4280 from Sheriff's Office Building Security/Camera Outlay 8000.844000.345 to Facilities Management Software Maintenance 1940.534310. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the LIT for Genetec Software Licenses as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 8) **Resolution: PSAP Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point Per County.** Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Resolution to Designate One Columbia County Public Safety Answering Point for Grant Funding as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Roll call vote: Ryan-yes, Valencia-yes, L. Miller-yes, Weyh-yes, K. Miller-yes. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 9) **Bid Acceptance – Recording System.** Discussion on the winning bidder-Nelson Systems, Inc. With any new integrated system, there will be challenges, but 911 Coordinator Schutz and MIS have been working on this project with site visits and research through other counties who currently utilize with

positive feedback received. Recordings must be maintained for 180 days. This was a budgeted item in 2022. *Motion by L. Miller to accept the winning bidder Nelson Systems, Inc. for the integrated recording system for the Sheriff's Office. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 10) *Disallowance of Liability: Frederick Bachmann Claim:#300.68058, Date of Incident: November 27, 2021, N2494 Thunder Hills Road, Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin.*

Motion by L. Miller to enter into closed session at 10:39 a.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g), "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved." [Disallowance of Liability: Frederick Bachmann Claim #300.68058, Date of Incident: November 27, 2021, Thunder Hills Road, Lodi, Columbia County, WI]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session. Seconded by Weyh. Roll Call: K. Miller, L. Miller, Valencia, Ryan, Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.

Others present: Polzer, Brusveen, Ruf, Hale, Brandner, Bisch, Stilson, Giuffre.

Closed session.

Motion by K. Miller to re-enter into open session at 10:53 a.m. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.


Motion by Ryan to approve the proposed Disallowance of Claim as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

Next meeting date: Monday, August 8, 2022 at 9 a.m.

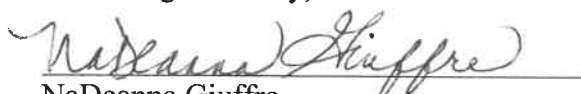
Committee jail tour began at 11 a.m.

Motion by Weyh to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 p.m. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.

Secretary of Record,


Supervisor Theresa Valencia
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,


NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Brandner

cc: Public Safety Members; Chair Polzer, 1st Vice Chair Brusveen; 2nd Vice Chair Rohrbeck; Internet

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Closed Session Minutes:

10) Disallowance of Liability: Frederick Bachmann Claim:#300.68058, Date of Incident: November 27, 2021, N2494 Thunder Hills Road, Lodi, Columbia County, Wisconsin. *

** The Committee may go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) "Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is likely to become involved." [Disallowance of Liability: Frederick Bachmann Claim #300.68058, Date of Incident: November 27, 2021, Thunder Hills Road, Lodi, Columbia County, WI]. If the Committee goes into closed session, it will return to open session.*

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Others present: Polzer, Brusveen, Ruf, Hale, Brandner, Bisch, Stilson, Giuffre.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Jessica Hale presented information surrounding the 11/21/21 incident involving the then Sheriff's Office Sergeant Brian Poulin. This was previously referred to the insurance company and based upon their review, it is recommended that the county disallow the claim brought forward by Frederick Bachmann.

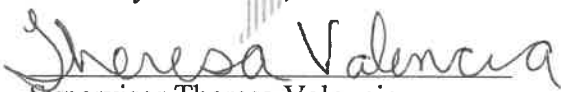
At this point, Mr. Bachmann's claim is against Poulin. No exact claim amount was mentioned in the documents, but given the allegation of a rights violation, it could be a sizable amount.

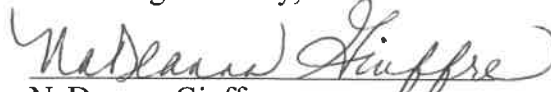
The Sheriff's Office deputy was acting in good faith. He was given the responsibility to protect and his actions were a judgment call.

Motion by K. Miller to return to open session at 10:53 a.m. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

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Sheriff's Assistant

cc: Public Safety Members
County Clerk's Office