

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 8, 2022**

Present: Keith Miller, Liz Miller, Theresa Valencia, Mike Weyh, Troy Ryan (arrived 09:02)
Also Present: Denise Brusveen, Jessica Hale, Shonna Neary, David Drews, Bob Koch, Katelyn Schara, Heather Gove, Roger Brandner, 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 Weyh to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by L. Miller to approve the previous month meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Weyh. 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 Weyh to approve the report. Seconded by L. Miller. 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 ongoing training and meetings for July. Koch is working with Accounting for an ARPA funds request for the motor vehicle barrier system. More FEMA grants will be applied for. A flood gauge project is underway involving Accounting, Portage, Pardeeville, Columbus, and the NWS to obtain a bid package to potentially utilize ARPA funds for three gauges that are nearing their end of life. The EM Deputy Coordinator will be starting 08/29/22. Koch thanked the PS Committee, HR/Corporation Counsel, and the Sheriff's Office for their assistance in the hiring process. Koch is working with the City of Portage, Village of Pardeeville, Township of Hampden, and County Highway on submitting claims to the WI Disaster Fund for cleanup cost reimbursements from the June storm. Koch explained that through an app on smartphones, new digital MABAS box cards will enable departments to pre-alert staff that will aid in getting the appropriate staff to county residents faster and more efficiently.
- 3) **Review/Approve 2023 Annual Budget.**

Emergency Management (2115) Budget. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Emergency Management 2023 budget as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$85,120.

Under 2115.533160 Training/Conferences, *Motion by L. Miller to move the 2023 FEMA Advanced Academy training to the Out-of-State Training section of the budget and approve the training as*

presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Management (451) Capital Outlay: \$202,930. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Emergency Management Capital Outlay as presented. Seconded by Weyh.* Discussion. Koch advised that if ARPA monies are approved and allocated for the Motor Vehicle Barrier system, this item will be removed from the 2023 Emergency Management Capital Outlay request. The Sheriff further advised that if the budget allows, a line item transfer and a request to carryover 2022 monies will be requested for this vehicle and then it too will be removed from this outlay request. *Motion carried unanimously.*

S.A.R.A (2116) Budget. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the S.A.R.A. 2023 budget as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$54,790.

Hazmat (2117) Budget. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Hazmat 2023 budget as presented. Seconded by Valencia. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$0.

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 of the 49 cases in July, 44 were certified. There was one suicide by gunshot wound, one drowning, one covid19 death (subject was 74 years old with comorbidities), 34 cremations, two autopsies, and four Versiti donations. Schara advised that the internal cooler unit has been replaced and the WCMEA membership dues have been paid for Schara, Meeker, and Stock. Schara advised that there has been a spike in overdoses over the past month especially in Baraboo and Portage. Schara also mentioned that with the Roe v. Wade ruling, there could be an increase in suicides and homicides.
- 3) **Line Item Transfer – Morgue Cooler Unit.** Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Line Item Transfer of \$9,150 from Medical Examiner Autopsies 1270.521100 to Medical Examiner Capital Outlay 8000.844000.101. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 4) **Review/Approve 2023 Annual Budget.**

Medical Examiner (1270) Budget. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Medical Examiner 2023 budget as presented. Seconded by Valencia. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$190,340.

Medical Examiner (101) Capital Outlay. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Medical Examiner Capital Outlay request of \$3,500 as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*

MAT Program Status Report. (H. Gove)

Updates were discussed at meeting and a follow-up email will be sent. NNAI Program connects with clients through the Jail. This is a fully granted-fund program with 32 participants in the last grant cycle. The MAT Program services are mostly contracted out; however, Health and Human Services provides oversight of that program.

Sheriff Brandner suggested this MAT Program Status Report topic be moved to the first item of future Public Safety Committee agendas to better accommodate Health and Human Services staff member schedules.

Sheriff's Office/Jail. (Brandner)

- 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 Weyh to approve the report. Seconded by Valencia. 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 an Axon bodycam update where the cameras are in, training is done, and seems to be working well since the initial implementation two weeks ago. MIS/Drews confirmed that he has heard no concerns or issues with the body cams or downloading of video. There was a jail sergeant demotion due to off duty conduct, but employee was retained. After an aggravated assault and vehicle theft occurred in Madison, multiple agencies were involved and ended in a PIT maneuver by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office. There was great law enforcement coordination between Lodi Police Department, Sauk County, and Wisconsin State Patrol. The Sheriff's Office provided security at the County Fairgrounds for the fair in July. Many administrators and assigned deputies provide security and promote positive public relations on the grounds and Portage Police provides backup and handle parking issues. The Sheriff reported a significant battery that occurred where the victim was beaten so badly, she remains in a coma. The Sheriff's Office responded to a drowning incident where a deputy, first responders, and multiple citizens were searching for the 15-year-old victim who was found drown. Another significant high-speed chase occurred with two stolen vehicles out of Illinois. To chase or not to chase are constant balancing of liability. Because the safety of citizens, the chase was terminated and the vehicles avoided contact/arrest.
- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Counts: 170. The inmate count was up from holding inmates from Marathon, Dodge, and ES inmates. Sheriff Brandner advised that July had 271 bookings. Medical totals for July were as follows: 90 doctor visits and 770 nurse assessment/screens. From the last jailer position process, three applicants withdrew and the fourth did not meet the standards. Another process will be started. Drug issues and overdoses with fentanyl have spiked in Baraboo and Portage, and that has also impacted the jail with two overdoses with two individuals ingesting drugs before being brought in. One overdose was saved and the second was transported to and still remains in a medical facility. An outside agency is investigating this overdose. The critical key to drug addiction prevention is education. Once addicted, it is extremely difficult to win the drug battle.
- 4) **Position Replacement Request - Jailer.** Discussion. *Motion by Weyh to approve the position replacement request for Jailer Nicholas Pesavento as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 5) **Position Replacement Request - Deputy.** Discussion. Jason Lingle and his K9 Eragon are going back to Sun Prairie Police Department. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the position replacement request for Deputy Jason Lingle as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 6) **Asset Transfer – Retired Sheriff's Office Vehicle to Land & Water Conservation Department.** Discussion. When a vehicle is available, the transfer will be done between departments. The Sheriff advised that although this will negatively impact planned revenue for the Sheriff's Office, it is in the best interest of the county to do so. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the asset transfer of a retired*

Columbia County Sheriff's Office vehicle to the Columbia County Land & Water Conservation Department as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7) **Sole Source Procurement – Fixed IRIS License Plate Readers.** Discussion. These PIPS cameras are currently utilized by the Sheriff's Office and the only cameras supported by the BOSS system through the WI ALPR Association. *Motion by Weyh to approve the purchase of the PIPS Fixed Two-Camera Stationary ALPR Systems with Installation from Baycom for \$23,068. Seconded by Valencia. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 8) **Dangerous Dog Review.** Under County Ordinance 16.801, the Sheriff discussed facts surrounding three reported incidents starting in September 2021 and then in April 2022 and July 2022 involving a dog residing in the Township of Wyocena. The owners of the dog named Coco were invited to today's PSC meeting to discuss the incidents; however, no representatives for the family dog were present. The PSC needs to determine if the dog is in fact deemed dangerous and given the known circumstances, determine whether or not the dog should be euthanized. Discussion. *Motion by K. Miller that due to the known factors and circumstances, deem the dog as dangerous. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by K. Miller to order the dog be humanely euthanized. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 9) **Ordinance – Amend Code of Ordinances Chapter 1, Section 1.12 – Schedule of Fines and Cash Deposits.** Review of proposed changes. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to accept Ordinance amendments as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 10) **Review/Approve 2023 Annual Budget.**

Sheriff Administration (2222) Budget. Discussion. Line item transfers will be utilized to maximize 2022 monies and offset the 2023 budget needs. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2023 Sheriff's Administration budget as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$5,810,290.

Boat Patrol (2224) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by Weyh to approve the 2022 Boat Patrol budget as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$12,880 including Capital Outlay Non-Pool: \$2,250.

Dive Team (2226) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2023 Dive Team budget as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$34,760 including Capital Outlay Non-Pool: \$15,100.

Drug Education and Enforcement (2240) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2023 Drug Education and Enforcement budget as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$82,850. Capital Outlay: \$0.

County Jail (2250) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2023 Jail budget as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$4,549,730.

9-1-1 (2911) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2023 911 budget as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$1,596,870. Capital Outlay Non-Pool: \$0.

Capital Outlay:

8000.844000.345 Building Security/Camera System. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Building Security/Camera System 2023 Capital outlay request of \$84,050 as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*

8000.844000.401 Sheriff's Administration. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Sheriff's Administration 2023 Capital Outlay request of \$67,670 as presented. Seconded by Weyh. Motion carried unanimously.*

8000.844000.402 County Jail. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the County Jail 2023 Capital Outlay request of \$9,300 as presented. Seconded by Ryan. Motion carried unanimously.*

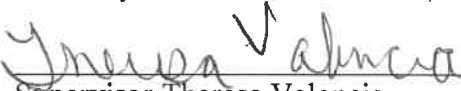
8000.844000.406 Sheriff-Autos. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Sheriff-Autos 2023 Capital Outlay request of \$280,300 as presented. Seconded by Valencia. Motion carried unanimously.*

The Sheriff offered additional comments about the challenges faced with this year's budget as well as future expenses that are upcoming.

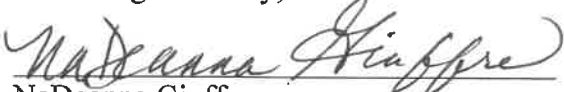
Next meeting date: Monday, September 12, 2022 at 9 a.m.

Motion by L. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. Seconded by Weyh. 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