

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
August 10, 2020**

Present: Chris Polzer, Keith Miller, Liz Miller, Nancy Long
Excused w/Notice: Doug Ferguson
Also Present: Jim Foley, Susan Fisher, Robyn Preston, Angela Hinze, Katelyn Schara, Stephanie Wittrock, Kathy Johnson, Roger Brandner, Greg Bisch, James Stilson, NaDeanna Giuffre

Monthly Agenda Items:

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

Medical Examiner. (Hinze, Schara, Wittrock)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made to approve the report by K. Miller. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report was provided in binders. Discussion. Hinze provided a brief overview of her monthly activities to include call volume and fees. Hinze advised that she has requested Corporation Counsel to draft an ordinance to increase fees. Discussion about how the Medical Examiner and Coroner fees are currently charged to families through the funeral homes billing. The possibility of directly billing families was discussed. Supervisor Liz Miller commended Hinze on answering individual questions about the office and budget process.
- 3) **Review/Approve 2021 Annual Budget:**

Medical Examiner (1270) Budget. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Medical Examiner 2021 budget as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Discussion. Motion carried unanimously.*
County Appropriation: \$265,150.

Medical Examiner (101) Capital Outlay. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Medical Examiner Capital Outlay request of \$28,000 as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Discussion. By vote: K. Miller-yes; L. Miller-yes; Long-yes; Polzer-no. Motion carried.* Capital Outlay: \$28,000.

Emergency Management. (Johnson)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure report, a motion was made by L. Miller to approve the report. Seconded by Long. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report was provided in binders. Discussion. Johnson reviewed department activities and highlighted that during the state EOC decided that weekly calls were not necessary at this time. Vital information will be sent via email and a weekly report on Wednesdays. If/when the situation changes, weekly phone calls will resume. PPE orders, shipments, and distributions continue. The WI Disaster Fund applications were filed by Portage and Pardeeville areas from the 06/02/20 wind storm. Deadline for the 2021 EM Planning Grant is 08/31/20.
- 3) **Review/Approve 2021 Annual Budgets:**

Emergency Management (2115) Budget. *Motion by Long to approve the Emergency Management 2021 budget as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$77,480. Emergency Management (451) Capital Outlay: \$0

S.A.R.A (2116) Budget. *Motion by K. Miller to approve the S.A.R.A. 2021 budget as presented. Seconded by Long. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$55,110. Capital Outlay: \$0.

Hazmat (2117) Budget. *Motion by K. Miller to approve the Hazmat 2021 budget as presented. Seconded by Long. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$0. Capital Outlay: \$0.

MAT Program Update. (No representative present.) Melissa Schneiter provided an update via email to PSC Recording Secretary NaDeanna Giuffre and it was then subsequently forwarded to Chair Polzer, Vice Chair Keith Miller, Sheriff Brandner, Chief Deputy Bisch, Captain Stilson, Katie Day, Lodi King, and Kate Young on Friday, 08/07/20. The email stated as follows: "Currently we have 2 participants in the community and 1 pending referral in the jail that are enrolled in the NNAI program." Discussion. *Motion by Polzer directing Health and Human Services to provide a job description for the MATRS Program Coordinator position, including duties and responsibilities for that position, grant obligations, and where the grant funds are being paid. Seconded by Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's expenditure reports, a motion was made K. Miller to approve the report. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity reports were provided in binders. The Sheriff provided highlights stating that patrol and detective activity continue to be busy with 4882 calls for service, 42 impaired driving arrests, fatal crashes, domestic incidents, burglary, and meth arrests. From a recent search warrant with DOJ, a significant amount of child pornography was located at a residence in Fort Winnebago. The Sheriff also advised the committee of a recent highly volatile domestic situation involving a husband and wife where shots were fired. From successful work from the dispatch center helping get the victim separated and successful negotiations with the suspect from deputies on scene, the situation was resolved before the SWAT team arrived. Discussion on Human Services' involvement in domestic, sexual assaults, and child abuse incidents. The Sheriff advised it would be ideal to involve HHS in all of these incidents as well as suicides and dementia patients; however, Columbia County law enforcement are not receiving adequate support from HHS. Without having the appropriate staff on-call, their services cannot be utilized. When Chapter 51 and 55 incidents arise, law enforcement utilizes the county-contracted Northwest Connections to do evaluations. There is a known breakdown with individuals needing care for dementia-related incidents. Because appropriate care measures are not currently available for our citizens who are struggling with dementia-related issues, law enforcement will continue to step in because those citizens cannot be left without assistance. However, those types of matters are not law enforcement issues. Recently a local business agreed to match donated monies up to \$20,000 for our K9 units. With sufficient donations, the Sheriff's Office may be able to add another K9 unit. Due to increased requests from the public, the Sheriff advised of a local citizen donating Back the Badge yard signs and how those donations are being put towards the K9 program as well.
- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 119. Stilson advised that there have been 259 bookings in July. The medical staff had 115 medical visits, 462 nurse visits, and the mental health observation cells continue to be full with those inmates requiring closer watches. The contract with Pauquette Center assists the jail with managing the mental health issues for inmates. With the increases in calls for service, the decrease in inmates being held, but instead released with bonds, delays in the court system, questions about holding offenders accountable and if justice is being done were discussed.
- 4) **Position Description – Patrol Captain.** Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Patrol Captain position description as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 5) **Position Description – Detective Captain.** Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Detective Captain position description as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*
- 6) **Review/Approve 2021 Annual Budgets:**

Sheriff Administration (2222) Budget. Discussion. Line item transfers will be utilized to maximize 2020 monies and offset the 2021 budget needs. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2021 Sheriff's Administration budget as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$5,463,410.

Boat Patrol (2224) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by K. Miller to approve the 2021 Boat Patrol budget as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$15,120. Capital Outlay Non-Pool: \$1,800.

Dive Team (2226) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 2021 Dive Team budget as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$39,610. Capital Outlay Non-Pool: \$16,500.

Drug Education and Enforcement (2240) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by K. Miller to approve the 2021 Drug Education and Enforcement budget as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$82,850. Capital Outlay: \$0.

County Jail (2250) Budget. Discussion. With the assistance of the Accounting Office, it was decided to move the Dispatch budget items out of Jail 2250 and placing them under the 911 Budget. *Motion by K. Miller to approve the 2021 Jail budget as presented. Seconded by L. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$4,618,520.

9-1-1 (2911) Budget. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the 911 budget as presented. Seconded by Long. Motion carried unanimously.* County Appropriation: \$1,274,940. Capital Outlay Non-Pool: \$0.

Capital Outlay:

8000.844000.401 Sheriff's Administration. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the Sheriff's Administration 2021 Capital Outlay request of \$109,160 as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*

8000.844000.402 County Jail. Discussion. *Motion by L. Miller to approve the County Jail 2021 Capital Outlay request of \$10,600 as presented. Seconded by K. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.*

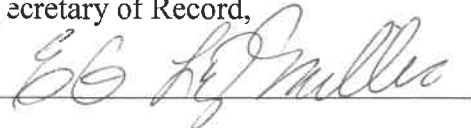
8000.844000.406 Sheriff-Autos. Discussion. *Motion by K. Miller to approve the Sheriff-Autos 2021 Capital Outlay request of \$305,000 as presented. Seconded by Long. Motion carried unanimously.*

Chair Polzer commended all departments for coming in under budget last year and the complete transparency in the 2021 budgeting process.

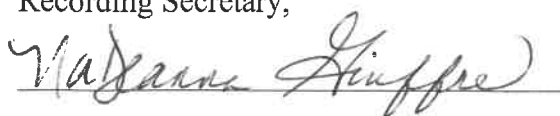
Motion by K. Miller to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. Seconded by Long. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Monday, September 14, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Secretary of Record,



Recording Secretary,



Supervisor Liz Miller
Committee Secretary

NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Brandner

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

Approved