

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 9, 2019**

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

Also Present: Vern Gove, James Foley, Joe Ruf, Shonna Neary, Kathy Johnson, Marie Darling Ellis, Angela Hinze, Roger Brandner, James Stilson, 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 was made by Miller to approve the published 09/05/19 version of the agenda. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by Borgkvist to approve the 08/12/19 minutes as presented. Seconded by 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.

Emergency Management. (Johnson, Darling Ellis)

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** Reports viewed overhead and provided in binders. *After a review of the Emergency Management August expenditure reports, a motion was made by Miller to approve the report. Seconded by Borgkvist. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report viewed overhead and provided in binders. Discussion. Johnson highlighted her monthly report to include the EMPG and EPCRA grants have been approved and submitted to the state, an ICS-300 16-hour class was held at the LEC and included 25 attendees. Town of Marcellon received their WI Disaster Fund check from the damages incurred during the March 2019 thaw/flooding event. Other municipalities have also submitted their documentation to the state and are awaiting approvals and reimbursements. The Columbia County county-wide emergency response plan, emergency support functions have been updated, signed by the County Board Chair, and filed with the state.

Medical Examiner. (Hinze)

- 1) **Expenditure Report.** Report was viewed overhead and provided in binders. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made to approve the August report by Miller. Seconded by Borgkvist. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report viewed overhead and provided in binders. Discussion. Hinze highlighted her monthly to include a new form of cremation called alkaline hydrolysis. This is not yet in Wisconsin, but if/when it is introduced here, it will have an impact on body viewings, cremations, where they are done, forensic evidence, and pending investigations. This language is not currently attached to any bills, but this is out there and could be attached to different legislation in the future.

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

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** Reports viewed overhead and provided in binders. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's August expenditure reports, a motion was made by Borgkvist to approve report. Seconded by Leatherberry. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly report viewed overhead and provided in binders. The Sheriff discussed a few highlights from the August activities to include the Celebration of Freedom Vietnam Wall Memorial that is displayed at the Columbia County Fairgrounds. The annual K9 golf outing is set for

09/14/19. A recent highspeed chase ended in Madison with one of our deputies by himself and some assistance from Maple Bluff Police. No Madison Police or Dane County assistance was given during the chase, but only after the vehicle crashed. The human bone located within mulch last month was found to have come from Georgia. The next swearing-in ceremony is planned for Wednesday, 10/02/19 at 11 a.m. Sheriff Brandner encouraged the committee members to attend if they can.

- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 146. Stilson advised that there were 86 doctor visits, 84 nurse visits, and one ER visit at the hospital.
- 4) **Line Item Transfer.** Discussion on purchasing updated emergency lighting for 12 squad cars at a reduced cost. *Motion by Drew to approve line item transfer of \$16,550 from Sheriff's Gas & Oil to Sheriff's Capital Outlay-Autos. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*

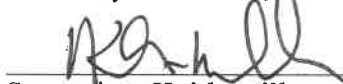
Other Business:

Comments were made about the committee approval process when replacing staff. The committee discussed how to better streamline the process to expedite hiring already budgeted position replacements. Timeliness of the process is essential in securing good candidates before they are hired at competing agencies.

Motion by Borgkvist to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

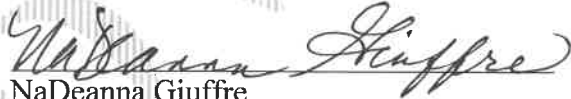
Next meeting date: Monday, October 14, 2019 at 9 a.m.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Keith Miller
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Brandner

cc: Public Safety Members
Chair Gove
2nd Vice Chair Foley
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