

Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
December 9, 2019

Present: Barry Pufahl, Dan Drew, Tom Borgkvist, Gary Leatherberry (arrived at 9:02 a.m.),
Christopher Polzer
Absent w/Notice: Keith Miller
Also Present: Vern Gove, Jim Foley, Joe Ruf, Jessica Hale, Shonna Neary, Dave Drews, Kathy
Johnson, Angela Hinze, Roger Brandner, Greg Bisch, 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 Borgkvist to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*
- 4) Approval of Previous Committee Meeting Minutes. *Motion made by Drew to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Borgkvist. 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)

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** Reports viewed overhead and provided in binders. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure report, a motion was made by Drew to approve the report. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
-) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report viewed overhead and provided in binders. Discussion. Johnson highlighted their monthly report to include an update on the Grande Cheese tabletop exercise that was held 11/13/19; Johnson and Darling-Ellis participated in the Elections Security Tabletop exercise; the Admin Building and Health and Human Services/ADRC Building Emergency Plan were revised and sent to all department heads; and work continues with the municipalities to begin or complete their WI Disaster Fund applications from the March Spring Flood or the Sept/October Floor events.

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 report by Drew. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Monthly activity report viewed overhead and provided in binders. Discussion. Hinze highlighted her monthly activity report to include her recent contact with Farber Funeral Home with their concerns of our ME office signing death certificates in cremation cases. Previous policy was distributed and discussed by the committee. Hinze detailed that the Farber funeral home's director's behavior was hostile, threatening, and personal towards her. This matter will be discussed further with Corporation Counsel. Hinze discussed the VERSITI agreement. A draft ordinance will be done by Corporation Counsel, reviewed during a pre-County Board Meeting on 12/18/19, and likely approved in 2019. Hinze advised that she will be interviewing a potential candidate who is currently a criminal justice student and working at Ho-Chunk.

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

- 1) **Expenditure Reports.** Reports viewed overhead and provided in binders. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's expenditure reports, a motion was made Borgkvist to approve the 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 November activities to include commending the Sheriff's Office's most recent hires are all excelling; there were 21 OWI arrests in November; there have been several serious gun-related calls recently that involved negotiations with the suspects – fortunately, all had positive outcomes. Shop with a Cop occurred last Saturday, 12/07/19 and it was another great event promoting positive interactions with law enforcement; No-Shave November fundraiser has extended into December. Another overdose death occurred in Pardeeville. The Sheriff's Office ERT team is seeking expansion to other county municipalities (Portage, Lodi, and WSP tried out). This not only gets other agencies involved, but also serves as a cost-savings to the county. The Sheriff discussed the Caledonia tower footing and what was recently learned about its capacity. Through previous studies (AT&T), the tower footing is insufficient to hold upcoming equipment needs. Corporation Counsel is involved and a third-party engineer will do a study to verify the previous study. Additional monies may need to be carried over into 2020 for this newly discovered tower issue.
- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 126. Stilson advised that there were 238 bookings and 239 releases. The medical staff had 87 doctor visits, 85 nurse visits, and one ER visit at the hospital. Staff roster is getting closer to being filled. Captain Stilson advised that after an inmate headbutted a window, the replacement cost will be approximately \$1000. Restitution will be sought.
- 4) **Position Replacement Request – Dispatcher (Neller).** Discussion. *Motion by Drew to approve the position replacement request for Jordon Neller. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Position Replacement Request – Health Services Unit Nurse (Corning).** Discussion. *Motion by Borgkvist to approve the position replacement request for Stacy Corning. Seconded by Polzer. Motion carried.*
- 6) **Line Item Transfers/Change in Capital Outlay.** Due to the growing demands of video recordings in all criminal cases, the Sheriff requested to transfer additional monies for the body camera project media storage server based on calculations and installation timelines provided by MIS. Media storage and lengths retention and purging requirements are being reviewed. Discussion. *Motion by Polzer to approve line item transfer of \$35,000 for the additional server in the body camera project. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.* Discussion on the Change in Capital Outlay Request of \$7,884. Because two radar units broke down and the older models are failing, two additional units are needed. *Motion by Polzer to approve the Change in Capital Outlay request. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*
- 7) **Wage Adjustment – Promotion from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Lieutenant.** Discussion. This adjustment was previously reviewed and approved by the Human Resource Committee. *Motion by Polzer to approve the wage adjustment for the promotion from Patrol Sergeant to Patrol Lieutenant. Seconded by Borgkvist. Motion carried.*

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

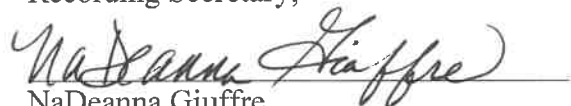
Next meeting date: Monday, January 13, 2020 at 9 a.m.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Dan Drew
Committee Vice Chair

Recording Secretary,



NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Brandner

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