

**Minutes**  
Eau Claire County  
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement  
Thursday, December 05, 2019 – 4:00 PM  
Courthouse – Room 1273

**Members Present:** Gerald Wilkie, Sandra McKinney, Zoe Roberts, and Stella Pagonis\*

**Others Present:** Susan Schaffer, Jean Gay, Captain Dan Bresina, Lt. Cory Schalinske, Danielle Powers, Ryan Patterson, Zoe Knops, and Eric Huse

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Gerald Wilkie at 4:00 PM.

**Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice**

The Clerk confirmed this meeting was properly noticed to the public.

**Public Comment**

No public comment was made.

**Approve Minutes from November 07, 2019 Meeting**

Supervisor Roberts moved to approve the minutes from the November 07, 2019 meeting. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 3-0 voice vote.

*\*Supervisor Pagonis arrived.*

**CJCC Dashboard Update**

- A link to the dashboard website was included in the meeting materials. The data is completely refreshed monthly on the website with additional data being added periodically. The committee reviewed the information. It was noted that the fourth slide “Yearly Racial Composition Averages of the Jail” is a new addition to the data sets.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Updates**

- **Circuit Court/Clerk of Courts**
  - Susan Schaffer presented the Court’s fiscal report. As noted in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter narrative report, there are a number of bills pending in the State legislature that may impact the workload of the Courts. Circuit Court is on track. The end of year projection is likely to be under-budget; estimating an \$80,000 surplus. Clerk of Courts end of year projection is currently showing a \$459,520 surplus. The surplus is in large part due to State Debt Collection.
- **Criminal Justice Collaborating Council**
  - Tiana Glenna was unable to attend the meeting. The committee reviewed and discussed the submissions included in the meeting materials.
- **District Attorney**
  - Eric Huse presented the District Attorney’s Office update. Three new Assistant District Attorneys started in the last quarter. One is filling a vacancy after a retirement and two are newly added positions as part of the last State budget. Case numbers have remained largely in line with the previous year’s increase. Final budget projection shows a surplus.
- **Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court**
  - Jean Gay presented the Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court update. Probate cases are up with 25 additional cases this year. CHIPS cases are up due to multi-child

households. TPR (Termination of Parental Rights) cases are up which was expected based on process changes. Juvenile Delinquency cases are down. Projected \$6,700 surplus.

### **Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office**

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fiscal Update**
  - Danielle Powers presented the fiscal update. Cases handled are up slightly over the previous quarters. Overtime is a concern in the Security Services Division; Field Services Division is flat from previous years. Probation and Parole has paid the actual amount due to the Sheriff's Office which has helped with revenues. Jail medical expenses are significantly up due to unforeseen circumstances with inmates. These additional expenses have been accounted for by adjusting other budget line items. Current projections show a \$300,000 end of year surplus. The jail body scanner is also operational. Six items were found in body cavities in first month and a half of operation.
- **Jail Population Update**
  - Currently there are no inmates housed out-of-county. Jail population has been generally consistent over the last month.

### **File No. 19-20/084 - Resolution Requiring any Department of over 50 Employees, Trending Significantly and Repeatedly Over Budget, to Seek Approval Prior to Filling Vacant Staff Positions and to Provide Fiscal Reports to the County Board of Supervisors Upon Request**

This resolution was referred from the full County Board for further discussion on the resolution. Background and legislative history of the resolution was given by the committee. The committee asked the Sheriff's Office for input on the resolution. The Sheriff's Office is in support of the resolution. Supervisor Roberts moved to endorse the resolution. **Approved** 4-0.

### **Future Meeting Date**

The next committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 06, 2019 at 4:00 PM. The Committee will determine if a February meeting is necessary as the date draws nearer.

### **Future Agenda Items**

- Sheriff's Office
  - Protective Status Legislation
  - ECCJ Population Update
  - Courthouse Security and Screening Process
- Resolution Relating to Gun Violence
- Information Regarding "Stop and Think" Program
- Response to Methamphetamine

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairperson Wilkie at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Eric Huse  
Committee Clerk

Statement in Support of File No. 19-20/084  
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement

The Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement met on December 05, 2019 to discuss File No. 19-20/084, *Resolution Requiring any Department of over 50 Employees, Trending Significantly and Repeatedly Over Budget, to Seek Approval Prior to Filling Vacant Staff Positions and to Provide Fiscal Reports to the County Board of Supervisors Upon Request.*

At the meeting, input was solicited from the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office does not object to the resolution and is in support of the resolution. After thorough review and discussion, the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement is in support of and endorses File No. 19-20/084.

I hereby certify that the foregoing correctly represents the position and action taken by the undersigned committee on December 05, 2019 by a vote of 4 for, 0 against.



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Gerald Wilkie, Vice-Chairperson  
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement