

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – 3:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 3420
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco WebEx

Members Present: Brett Geboy*, Allen Myren^, Stella Pagonis^, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Others Present In Person: Supervisor Dane Zook, Corporation Counsel Sharon McIlquham, Human Resources Director Jessica McDonald, Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Schaffer, Captain Dave Riewestahl, District Attorney Peter Rindal, Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna, and Eric Huse.

Others Present via Cisco WebEx: Judge John Manydeeds and Finance Director Norb Kirk.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Wilkie at 3:00 PM.

Confirmation of Public Meeting Notice

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

Call of the Roll

The Clerk called the roll. Attendance is noted above.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Approval of Minutes from July 27, 2022 Meeting

Supervisor Pagonis moved to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2022 meeting. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 4-0 voice vote.

Resolution 22-23/049 – Authorizing the Eau Claire County Human Resources Department to Address the Identified Compensation Anomaly as Recommended Through the Total Rewards Project Pertaining to Two Judicial Assistant Positions of the Two Employees with the Highest Amount of Time Employed in the Judicial Assistant Position

- Judge John Manydeeds provided an overview of the issue that the resolution addresses.

*Supervisor Geboy arrived at this time.

- Chairperson Wilkie provided background information regarding the process through which this issue was raised and resolution developed. Corporation Counsel Sharon McIlquham provided additional information regarding the recent wage study completed by consultant HR InTune and recommended the Committee postpone action so more widespread, comprehensive action regarding wages can be taken.
- Supervisor Pagonis moved to postpone action on the resolution until a special meeting of the Committee on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 3:00PM with any such future action taken retroactively imposed to today's date. The motion **passed** via 5-0 voice vote.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Update

- **Report from Supervisor Pagonis**

- Supervisor Pagonis provided a brief review of the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) meeting that occurred on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Supervisor Pagonis reported the discussion at the CJCC meeting included topics of mental health, trends indicating felony case filings involving drugs increasing, adequate housing and space for the

unhoused population, restorative justice expansion, and electronic monitoring. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

^Supervisors Pagonis and Myren left the meeting at this time.

- **Dashboard Review**

A link to the dashboard website was included in the meeting materials. Director Glenna noted the data continues to be updated as access to Wisconsin Circuit Court Access data was just reobtained. The Committee did not specifically review the dashboard.

Sheriff's Office

- **Protective Status update**

- Corporation Counsel Sharon McIlquham, Captain Riewestahl, and Eric Huse provided information relayed by the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) about the prospect of the state legislature codifying protective status for correctional officers. WCA is optimistic that the legislature will take action in the next term.

- **Jail population, staffing, & COVID-19 response**

- Captain Dave Riewestahl noted that jail population is nearing March 2020 levels; 182 individuals are currently in the care of the Eau Claire County Jail. Seven resignations have been received through as of this meeting date. There are currently 10 vacancies (2 staff are in field training, 2 open corporal positions, and 6 positions are actively being recruited for). Captain Riewestahl also stated that State and federal authorities are reviewing COVID-19 policies and procedures for correctional facilities. The Sheriff's Office will implement as revised policies and procedures as appropriate.

Future Meeting Dates

- A special meeting of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement was scheduled for September 22, 2022 at 3:00PM.
- The next regular meeting of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement was scheduled for September 28, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- System of Care overview
- Sheriff's Office
 - Jail population, staffing, & COVID-19 response
 - Update on DHS Investigation
 - Communications network / Digital radios
 - Recruitment, retention, protective status, and other challenges for correctional officers
- Policies/procedures for proper execution of search warrants
- Policies/procedures for officer involved critical incidents
- Committee oversight duties and responsibilities review

Adjournment of Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement

The Committee on Judiciary & Law Enforcement was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 4:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Eric Huse
Committee Clerk