

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, October 26, 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, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Member Present via Cisco WebEx: Stella Pagonis.

Ex-Officio Member Present: Nick Smiar.

Others Present In Person: TRY Mediation Director Todd Johnson, Finance Director Norb Kirk, Purchasing Manager Greg Bowe, Sheriff Cory Schalinske, Lieutenant Travis Holbrook, Admin. Services Division Manager Katrina Ranallo, Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner, Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Schaffer, Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna, and Eric Huse.

Others Present via Cisco WebEx:

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 September 28, 2022 Meeting

Supervisor Geboy moved to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2022 meeting. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 5-0 voice vote.

2023 Jail & Northwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center Food Vendor RFP Recommendation

Purchasing Manager Greg Bowe presented this item. Five proposals were received in response to the RFP. Based on a review of the submissions, Summit is the recommend vendor to contract with. The Committee engaged in discussion. Supervisor Russell moved to approve the recommendation of the purchasing department to contract Summit to provide food services for the jail and Northwest Regional Juvenile Detention Center. Motion **passed** via 5-0 voice vote.

Department Review of Administrator's 2023 Budget Recommendation

- **TRY Mediation**
 - Director Johnson relayed to the Committee that the Administrator's recommended budget does not include the increase his agency requested. The Administrator's recommendation is to fund TRY Mediation at the same rate as 2022. The Committee engaged in discussion.
- **Circuit Court**
 - Clerk of Circuit Court Susan Schaffer relayed to the Committee that there were no changes made to the Circuit Court budget.
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- **Criminal Justice Services**
 - Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna relayed to the Committee that there were no changes made to the Criminal Justice Services budget.
- **District Attorney**
 - Operations Manager Eric Huse relayed to the Committee that the Administrator's recommendation only includes one new position instead of the two new positions requested, no other changes were made to the District Attorney budget.
- **Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court**
 - Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court Susan Warner relayed to the Committee that there were no changes made to the Register in Probate/Clerk of Juvenile Court budget.
- **Sheriff's Office**
 - Sheriff Schalinske relayed to the Committee that the Administrator's recommendation changed the Sheriff's Office budget by eliminating the four new Patrol Deputy positions and reducing the tax levy by \$75,000. The Committee engaged in discussion.

Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Update

- **Dashboard Review**
 - A link to the dashboard website was included in the meeting materials. Director Glenna noted the data will continue to be updated at regular intervals. The Committee did not specifically review the dashboard.
- **Report from October 19, 2022 Meeting**
 - Supervisor Russell reported on the full council meeting that occurred on October 19, 2022. Topics the Council discussed included: Jail/Huber COVID-19 response, Evidence Based Decision Making & Sequential Intercept Mapping, data analysis, and. Opioid Taskforce.

Report from October 14, 2022 Wisconsin Counties Association Judicial & Public Safety Steering Committee Meeting

Supervisor Russell and Eric Huse reported on the meeting that occurred on October 14, 2022. The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) commissioned a Drone Audit to account for how counties use drones and how many drones are in use. This was spurred by proposed federal and state legislation that would prohibit government entities from using drones developed and produced by Chinese drone manufacturers. The audit showed that the costs for governments at all levels would be substantial should the legislation be enacted. There was also discussion about ongoing talks between WCA, the Badger State Sheriffs' Association, and legislative leaders to revise state law regarding the role and qualifications of the Undersheriff. WCA staff also commented on the upcoming biennial budget process and noted they will be supporting requests from both the State Public Defenders Office and State Prosecutors Office.

Sheriff's Office

- **Jail population & COVID-19 response**
 - Lieutenant Holbrook reported that there are currently 200 individuals in the care of the Eau Claire County Jail and 25 individuals on electronic monitoring. Lt. Holbrook also reported that there was a COVID-19 outbreak in the jail in the last two weeks. Individuals exposed are being isolated. COVID-19 testing is being conducted by the City/County Health Department.
- **Recruitment, retention, protective status, and other staffing challenges**
 - Sheriff Schalinske reported there are currently five vacancies in field services, with three candidates in various stages of the hiring process and 12 vacancies in security services, with five candidates in various stages of the hiring process. Sheriff Schalinske also reported that they are ordering staff in to cover shifts. The Sheriff's Office is actively working with Human Resources and Information Systems to advertise vacancies through different channels, including social media platforms and job fairs.

Future Meeting Dates

- The next two regular meetings of the Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement were scheduled for November 09, 2022 at 3:00 PM and December 14, 2022 at 3:00 PM.

Future Agenda Items

- 3rd Quarter fiscal & performance measures review
- Sheriff's Office
 - Jail population, staffing, & COVID-19 response
 - Recruitment, retention, protective status, and other challenges for correctional officers
 - DHS investigation update
- Policies/procedures for proper execution of search warrants
- Policies/procedures for officer involved critical incidents
- Committee oversight duties and responsibilities review

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 4:27 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:



Eric Huse
Committee Clerk