

## ADDENDUM Committee on Finance & Budget

### Thursday, September 21, 2023

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Courthouse – Room #1301/1302 721 Oxford Ave, Eau Claire, WI

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- 1. Proposed Resolution 22-23/041 "Abolishing Two (2.0 FTE) Corporal Positions in the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and Creating Two (2.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeants" / Discussion Action
- 2. Proposed Resolution 22-23/042 "Abolishing Twelve (12.0 FTE) Correctional Officer Positions in the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and Creating Twelve (12.0 FTE) Training Corporal Positions" / Discussion Action

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# FACT SHEET for Files 23-24/041 and 23-24/042

Resolution 23-24/041 and Resolution 23-24/042 propose changes within the Sheriff's office, jail division, based on the findings of a time study analysis and feedback from interviews. Here's a breakdown of the proposed changes:

- 1. **Abolishment of Two Vacant Corporal Positions**: The resolution 23-24/041 suggest eliminating two vacant "Corporal" positions within the Sheriff's office, jail division. These positions are currently at a grid placement of 11 according to the new salary structure.
- 2. Creation of Two Administrative Sergeants: In place of the abolished Corporal positions, resolution 23-24/041 proposes the creation of two new positions called "Administrative Sergeants." These roles are deemed necessary due to the findings that 50-75% of the Jail Sergeant team's time is spent on administrative duties. One Administrative Sergeant would focus on master scheduling, and the other would be responsible for managing the Field Training Officers program. These positions are suggested to be placed at a grid placement of 12 based on the job duties, skills, and experience required.
- 3. **Abolishment of Twelve Vacant Correctional Officer Positions:** Resolution 23-24/042 recommends eliminating twelve vacant "Correctional Officer" positions. These positions are currently placed at a grid placement of 10 according to the new salary structure.
- 4. **Creation of Twelve Training Corporals Positions:** In place of the abolished Correctional Officer positions, resolution 23-24/042 proposes the creation of twelve "Training Corporals" positions. These Training Corporals would replace the supplemental "Field Training Officer" pay, which has been found insufficient in motivating interest or adequately compensating for increased responsibilities associated with the role. These positions are suggested to be placed at a grid placement of 11 based on job duties, skills, and experience.

The rationale behind these proposed changes is to address primary concerns expressed during exit interviews and stay interviews, which centered around scheduling and training issues. By creating Administrative Sergeants and Training Corporals, it is expected that the Sheriff's Office can better allocate resources and personnel to improve administrative efficiency, scheduling, and employee training and development.

Additionally, these changes are intended to align job roles more accurately with the required skill sets and responsibilities, potentially serving as a career progression and retention strategy for Correctional Officers, all while minimizing the net impact on the current budget.

### **Fiscal Impact:**

As of now, the Corporal position has a starting wage of \$27.08/hr. The fiscal impact would be taking this position to a grade level P in the 2023 grid of \$31.02/hr. which is equivalent to a Jail Sergeant. The fiscal impact would be \$16,390 ((\$31.02-27.08)\*2080)\*2 positions.

Effective 2024, the new starting rate for the Sergeant would be \$33.81/hr at a grid placement of 13 vs. the grid placement of 11 with a starting rate of \$30.09/hr for the corporals. The total fiscal impact would be \$15,475 ((\$33.81-\$30.09)\*2080)\* 2 positions

For the (12) Correctional officers that we would be transitioning to "Training Corporals", the fiscal impact would be just to the 2024 budget as we would still need to development an application process, which won't likely be confirmed until after January. The wage difference for that would be transitioning a Correctional Officer (grid placement of 10), with a starting rate of \$28.39/hr to a grid placement recommendation of 12 with a new starting rate of \$31.90/hr. The total fiscal impact of this would be **\$87,609.60** ((\$31.90-28.39)\*2080)\*12 positions

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Eckman

Angela Eckman Human Resources Director Dave Riewestahl

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