

Minutes
Eau Claire County
Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – 3:00 PM
County Courthouse, Room 3312
721 Oxford Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54703
& Virtual via Cisco WebEx

Members Present: Allen Myren, Stella Pagonis, Connie Russell, and Gerald Wilkie.

Members Absent: Brett Geboy.

Others Present In Person: Human Resources Director Angela Eckman, Captain Cory Schalinske, Criminal Justice Services Director Tiana Glenna, District Attorney Peter Rindal, and Eric Huse.

Others Present via Cisco WebEx: Risk Manager Sonja Leenhouts, Sheriff Dave Riewestahl, Lieutenant Dustin Walters, Administrative Services Division Manager Katrina Ranallo, Assistant to County Administrator Samantha Kraegenbrink.

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 June 14, 2023; July 26, 2023; and July 27, 2023 Meetings

Supervisor Pagonis moved to approve the minutes from the June 14, 2023; July 26, 2023; and July 27, 2023 meetings. The minutes were adopted as published in the meeting materials via 4-0 voice vote.

Sheriff's Office Updates

- **Jail population**
 - Sheriff Riewestahl noted the jail average daily population (ADP) has increased over the last few years: 183 ADP in 2023; 170 ADP in 2022; and 148 ADP in 2021. Sheriff Riewestahl largely attributed the increase in ADP to the community returning to a post-covid world and an increase in cash bonds being ordered.
- **Recruitment, retention, and other staffing challenges**
 - Sheriff Riewestahl informed the Committee about various recruitments and vacancies.
 - Security Services:
 - Correctional Officer positions
 - Four candidates in background check phase
 - Six new staff in on-boarding/training phase
 - 13 vacancies remain
 - Two Corporal positions vacant
 - One Civil Process Server position vacant
 - One Bailiff position vacant
 - One Lieutenant position vacant
 - Field Services
 - Deputy Sheriff positions
 - Four candidates currently in the CVTC law enforcement academy
 - Three graduating next week
 - One graduating in December

- Two Correctional Officers will soon transfer to Deputy Sheriff positions
 - Two vacancies remain
- One general detective position vacant
- One West Central Drug Task Force detective position vacant
- **Asset forfeiture policies and procedures**
 - Captain Cory Schalinske presented the attached document. The Committee engaged in general discussion.
- **Wisconsin Department of Health Services Opioid Epidemic Grant**
 - Sheriff Riewestahl informed the Committee of the grant awarded to a collaborative effort between the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Eau Claire County Department of Human Services, Eau Claire County Criminal Justice Services, & Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office aimed at harm reduction (pill/drug drop box in jail lobby), treatment options (medication-assisted treatment training for staff), and criminal justice system deflection (peer support). The Committee engaged in general discussion.
- **Overdoes Data to Action Community Prevention: Narcan and fentanyl test strip vending machine**
 - Sheriff Riewestahl shared the data provided in the meeting materials. The Committee engaged in general discussion.

Resolution 23-24/041 – Abolishing Two (2.0 FTE) Corporal Positions in the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office and Creating Two (2.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeants

Sheriff Riewestahl and Human Resources Director Eckman provided background information for the resolution. Supervisor Myren moved to approve the resolution and forward to the full County Board of Supervisors for consideration. Motion **passed** 4-0.

Resolution 23-24/042 – 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

Sheriff Riewestahl and Human Resources Director Eckman provided background information for the resolution. Supervisor Myren moved to approve the resolution and forward to the full County Board of Supervisors for consideration. Motion **passed** 4-0.

Future Meeting Dates

- The Committee scheduled meetings on the following dates and times:
 - October 25, 2023 at 3:00PM
 - November 15, 2023 at 3:00PM
 - December 13, 2023 at 3:00PM

Future Agenda Items

- 3rd quarter department fiscal & performance measures review
- Sheriff's Office
 - Jail population
 - Recruitment, retention, protective status, and other staffing challenges
 - Jail death investigation/review

Announcements

- Supervisor Russell reminded the Committee of the Wisconsin Counties Association webinar about Act 4 and jailer classification is scheduled for October 10, 2023
- Sheriff Riewestahl announced the Kids 'N' Cops program is returning.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Wilkie at 4:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eric Huse

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Committee Clerk

The seal of the Eau Claire County Sheriff's Office is centered in the background. It features a five-pointed star with a central emblem, surrounded by the text "EAU CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE" and "EST. 1856".

ASSET FORFEITURE

CAPT CORY SCHALINSKE

TYPES OF ASSET FORFEITURES

- FEDERAL
 - CIVIL US CODE 18 981
 - CRIMINAL US CODE 18 982
 - ADMINISTRATIVE TITLE 9-112.000

TYPES OF ASSET FORFEITURES

- STATE
 - 973.075
 - 2017 ACT 211 - [DOA DOA Forfeitures \(wi.gov\)](#)

TYPES OF ASSET FORFEITURES

- LOCAL
 - COURT STIPULATION

WHAT IS ASSET FORFEITURE

- LEGAL TOOL

- PROCEEDS OF A CRIME - ACQUIRED OR USED IN ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES
- DISRUPT ORGANIZED CRIME
- COMPENSATE VICTIMS

- *“These goals are accomplished by depriving criminals of the proceeds of crime and other assets used to perpetuate criminal activity against our society.”*

US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ASSET FORFEITURE IN EAU CLAIRE COUNTY

- WCDTF
 - ECSO IS LEAD AGENCY WITH FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (SINCE 1988)
 - OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (15 AGENCIES- 6 COUNTIES)
 - OPERATIONAL BUDGET

EAU CLAIRE COUNTY BUDGET

Forfeiture Fund/ Telephone	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	Telephone	Utility Services
Forfeiture Fund/ Cellular Phone	9,934	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	Cell Phone	Utility Services
Forfeiture Fund/ Seized Autos Maint	1,854	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	Auto vehicles maintenance	Repairs And Maintenance
Forfeiture Fund/ Computer Hardware Maint	170	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300	Computer Hardware	Other Contracted Services
Forfeiture Fund/ Computer Software Maint	-	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,200	6,200	Computer Software	Other Contracted Services
Forfeiture Fund/ Service On Machines	-	140	140	140	140	140	Maintenance on office machines	Repairs And Maintenance
Forfeiture Fund/ Investigative Expenses	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	Investigations	Professional Services

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3 ABOLISHING TWO (2.0 FTE) CORPORAL POSITIONS IN THE EAU CLAIRE COUNTY
4 SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CREATING TWO (2.0 FTE) ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANTS
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6 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Sheriff and the Human Resources Director evaluated
7 position vacancies as part of long range strategic plans as well as organizational structure; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Sheriff and the Human Resources Director assessed job
10 duties and job descriptions and the structure surrounding the departments current workforce; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office has two (2 FTE) vacant jail Corporal positions that have
13 went unfilled because of the need to focus on filling vacancy issues and fulfilling coverage needs;
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16 WHEREAS, after review of the needs and structure of the Sheriff's Office, the creation of
17 two (2.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeants would better serve the needs of the department; and
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19 WHEREAS, one (1.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeant would be dedicated to the master
20 scheduling role and one (1.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeant would be dedicated to managing the
21 Field Training Officer (FTO) program.
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23 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
24 Supervisors hereby approves abolishing the two (2.0 FTE) Corporal Positions in the Sheriff's
25 Office and creating two (2.0 FTE) Administrative Sergeant positions.
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28 ADOPTED:

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30 *Donald Delkie*

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32 *Constantine Russell*

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34 *Steve Pagan*

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36 *Ally Mc*
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40 Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement

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42 Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.

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44 4 aye, 0 nay.
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Katherine Schneider via Web *SK*

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Committee on Human Resources

Dated this 22 day of September, 2023.

4 aye, 0 nay

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2 Rubin J Leary

3 JL Helted

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8 Camy Sae via web #w

9 Committee on Finance and Budget

4 aye, 0 nay

10 Dated this 21st day of September, 2023.

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3 ABOLISHING TWELVE (12.0 FTE) CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS IN THE EAU
4 CLAIRE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CREATING TWELVE (12.0 FTE) TRAINING
5 CORPORAL POSITIONS
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7 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Sheriff and the Human Resources Director evaluated
8 position vacancies as part of long range strategic plans as well as organizational structure; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Eau Claire County Sheriff and the Human Resources Director assessed job
11 duties and job descriptions and the structure surrounding the departments current workforce; and
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13 WHEREAS, after review of the needs and structure of the Sheriff's Office, the creation of
14 twelve (12.0 FTE) Training Corporals would better serve the needs of the department.
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16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Eau Claire County Board of
17 Supervisors hereby approves abolishing the twelve (12.0 FTE) Correctional Officer Positions in
18 the Sheriff's Office and creating twelve (12.0 FTE) Training Corporal positions.
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20 ADOPTED:

21 Donald Delkrie
22 Constantine Russell
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30 4 aye, 0 nay.
31 Committee on Judiciary and Law Enforcement

32 Katherine Schneider via Web SK
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47 Committee on Human Resources

48 Dated this 27th day of September, 2023.
49 Dane Zook
50 Cam GSK via Web SK
Robin J Seary
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51 Dated this 22 day of September, 2023.
52 4 aye, 0 nay

53 Committee on Finance and Budget 4 aye 0 nay
54 Dated this 21st day of September 2023.