

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: AUGUST 10, 2020

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD MEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM
4311 JACKSON STREET, OSHKOSH

PRESENT: BILL WINGREN
TOM ELLIS
PAUL EISEN
VICKI SCHORSE
MIKE BRUNN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
KELLY KUTZ – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
BRIAN DEFFERDING – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
VICKY FITZGERALD – FINANCE
MELISSA PINGEL – CLERK OF COURTS
JEFFERY BUCHOLTZ – VETERANS
ERIC SPARR – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
JULIE MABRY – CHILD SUPPORT
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bill Wingren called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Consideration of Minutes of July 13, 2020 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2020 was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

Brian Defferding discussed the demolition of the basement of Orrin King that will be used for the diversion program position. They received 6 bids and they are asking for more because the other bids came in over budget. He indicated it is a slow process and they can't use the rooms until everything else is done. They are hoping to have the project completed by the end of the year.

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

None

5. Presentation of 2021 Budget – Veterans Service Department – Jeffery Bucholtz

Jeffery Bucholtz presented his budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding the budget.

6. Presentation of 2021 Budget – District Attorney Office – Christian Gossett

Christian Gossett presented his budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding the budget.

7. Discussion: Update on “Winnebago Connect” – District Attorney – Christian Gossett

Christian Gossett discussed the working space for the new program. There will be one person working the program through Department of Human Services and they are looking to hire a 2nd position. It was also presented that they are seeing an increase in opioid deaths, almost doubled from last year, with an average age of 19-70 and an increase in suicides with an average age of 19-84. There will be programs available for those individuals once the project is completed.

Vicki Schorse informed Christian she would like to see cost per case on the budget for next year.

8. Consideration (Vote): Hiring Part-time Clerk to assist with Mental Commitment hearings – Corporation Counsel – Mary Anne Mueller

Mary Anne Mueller discussed the taking in of the mental health commitments through the Corporation Counsels Office. The current paralegal can not keep up with everything so they are looking to hire a part-time clerk to handle phone calls, subpoenas and billings. They do not want to hire another paralegal to keep the cost down and make the office more efficient so they are looking for a part-time clerk.

A motion to approve the hiring of a part-time clerk to assist with Mental Commitment Hearings was made by Mike Brunn, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 5-0.

9. Presentation of 2021 Budget – Corporation Counsel – Mary Anne Mueller

Mary Anne Mueller presented her budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding the budget.

10. Discussion: Update on Child Support State Funding

Julie Mabry discussed the cost increases because of DNA requirements starting September 1st. She also stated birthing costs will start affecting the department funding in 2022.

11. Presentation of 2021 Budget – Clerk of Courts – Melissa Pingel

Melissa Pingel presented her budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding the budget.

12. Update on the Clerk of Courts YTD Budget – Clerk of Courts – Melissa Pingel

Melissa Pingel stated they are on track with expenses but revenue is lower.

13. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer for \$29,272.00 to cover the cost of replacing a squad damaged in a crash on 06/03/2020. The remaining \$10,000.00 will be covered with the at fault insured settlement. – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the accident for which a squad was damaged. The remaining balance will be paid by the at fault driver's insurance settlement.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$29,272.00 to cover the cost of replacing a squad damaged in a crash was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

14. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer – Accept \$20,000.00 ALERT Grant to purchase night vision equipment for use during high-risk calls for service. – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the ALERT Grant and the equipment that will be purchased using the grant.

A motion to approve the acceptance of a \$20,000.00 ALERT grant to purchase night vision equipment was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Mike Brunn. Carried 5-0.

15. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer – Accept \$45,000.00 ALERT Grant to purchase AgileMesh audio and video equipment. This system transmits a live feed to the command post during high-risk calls for service allowing for greater oversight by command staff. – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the ALERT grant that will be used to purchase audio and video equipment to be utilized during high-risk calls. The equipment transmits live feed to the command post to allow greater oversight by the command staff.

A motion to approve the acceptance of a \$45,000.00 ALERT grant to purchase AgileMesh audio and video equipment was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Vicky Schorse. Carried 5-0.

16. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer – Accept \$13,500.00 ALERT Grant to purchase an additional camera as part of the AgileMesh system. – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the purchase of an additional camera with the ALERT Grant for the AgileMesh system.

A motion to approve the acceptance of a \$13,500.00 ALERT grant to purchase a camera for the AgileMesh system was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

17. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer – Accept \$21,000.00 ALERT Grant to purchase Range-R radar technology. This system is used during high-risk calls to detect movement and provides real time information regarding building occupancy allowing for more informed decision making– Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the purchase of a Range-R radar with the ALERT Grant which would provide real time information on building occupancy and detect movement during high-risk calls.

A motion to approve the acceptance of a \$21,000.00 ALERT Grant to purchase Range-R technology system was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 5-0.

18. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer – Accept \$15,360.00 ALERT Grant. This grant will be used by the Sheriff's Office to host the National Tactical Officer's Association (NTOA) Team Leader Training– Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the National Tactical Officer's Association Team Leader Training and that the funds from this grant will be used to host the event.

A motion to approve the acceptance of a \$15,360.00 ALERT Grant to be used for the Sheriff's Office to host the NTOA Training was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

19. Consideration (Vote): Proposed Rule Change regarding Public Comments at County Board meetings.

Mary Anne Mueller handed out copies of section 6.5 rules to allow public to speak about anything on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. One suggestion was to change it to the public being allowed to speak about anything not on the agenda at the end of the meeting instead of at the beginning.

It was discussed that business should be discussed first so the board members are more alert to the items on the agenda.

Paul Eisen suggested that there should be a limit of people allowed to speak and to have them only be able to speak for 2 minutes or put a time limit on public comments to an hour or an hour and a half.

Vicki Schorse stated it was a board management issue and they may want to wait to throw ideas on the table for all of them to discuss.

Rules 7.1, 7.2 and 8.8 would need to be changed and it was agreed to wait on a decision for this topic. Mary Anne Mueller will work on putting time limits on speaking and bring it to the next meeting. She will be taking out letting the public speak about what is not on the agenda.

At 11:04, Paul Eisen left the meeting unexcused.

20. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz discussed the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) cases. There is one case in Outagamie County where a former police chief and sheriff candidate is facing 5-20 years.

Sheriff Matz discussed the purchase of a new boat. He stated Marine 1 is an older boat and it is too costly to keep repairing the boat. This will be part of the Sheriff's Office 2020 budget.

Sheriff Matz discussed a zoom meeting with the Attorney General's Office as he had concerns with the lack of direction with what is happening with law enforcement.

Sheriff Matz indicated they are meeting with the County Executive on August 25th for the budget meeting.

Sheriff Matz indicated our staff is not providing security at the Democratic Convention and the Sheriff's Office is not enforcing the mask mandate. It is not a law that people have to wear a mask and it is not a law enforcement matter.

21. Suggested items for next agenda

22. Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 14, 2020

23. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:20am by Tom Ellis, seconded by Mike Brunn. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office