

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

August 2, 2022

Remote Meeting using WebEx/phone and in-person at Services Center- County Board
Room- 480 Underwood Ave– Montello, Wisconsin

1. Chairperson Al Rosenthal called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Members present: Al Rosenthal-Chairperson, Ken Borzick, Al Gibeaut, Mary Walters, and Kathy Jo Locke

Others present: Administrator Ron Barger, Sheriff Joe Konrath, Lieutenant Aaron Williams, EMS Director Rob Lulling, Coroner Tom Wastart, Judi Nigbor, and citizen Rene Cromer.

2. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Ken Borzick and seconded by Kathy Jo Locke. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the July 5, 2022 minutes by Mary Walters and seconded by Al Gibeaut. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month-None
5. Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments-Rene Cromer from Town of Springfield presented information to the committee regarding rural fireworks. She requested county develop an ordinance to limit rural fireworks. Chairperson Rosenthal requested she share additional information when agenda item #10 is discussed.
6. Committee Reviewed Vouchers as Presented
7. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph and District Attorney Brian Juech were unavailable. Emergency Management Director Lt. Aaron Williams reported he recently worked with a state training agent and school administration regarding school safety. He also noted he did in-person outreach with senior citizens regarding preparedness. Coroner Tom Wastart reported numbers are rising.
8. EMS Director Rob Lulling discussed billing from Fire Departments with town assists. Rob compared the process to other EMS departments and also reached out to Life Quest regarding reimbursement rates. Montello Fire District currently bills. Montello, Oxford, and Westfield have fire departments that do not have certified first responder training, so they respond only when requested. Rob's suggestion to the committee would be to go with a response of 3 individuals and fire apparatus for \$125 per response. Discussion regarding why some fire departments charge and others do not. It was noted each year \$1,000 goes to 5 departments- Endeavor, Harris, Montello, Oxford, and Neshkoro for extrication. EMS pays for first responder training to fire departments that have first responders and in return those fire departments do not charge calls they respond to. Rob's recommendation is to budget \$10,000 to reimburse the 3 fire depts that are not first responder certified. Ken Borzick abstained from the issue. Mary Walters requested Rob approach the Montello Fire District and see what their interest level is regarding becoming first responder certified. Rob will report back in August. Other updates reported-call volume up 30% since 2021. Billing out for calls less than 30 days old. Hired 3 new staff, full-time paramedic, part-time EMT, and part-time

paramedic. EMS received grant for \$19,000 in addition to \$7,000 they had been receiving.

9. Sheriff Konrath reported two jailers resigned, now 4 jailers short. Interviews were held last week, with one being hired this morning. Two individuals currently job shadowing. Some patrol deputies currently working in jail to assist. 2022 Jan-Sept 2,088 hrs. overtime. Reported currently have 12 safekeepers. Noted that the jail received a Lexipol award for 2021.
10. Discussion regarding county ordinance regarding rural fireworks. Citizen Rene Cromer reported that she went to the Town of Springfield and was told to go to the county for assistance. Sheriff Konrath noted the Sheriff's Office issued a warning to the property owner Ms. Cromer reported for not having a permit for fireworks because it was after the fact. If the property uses the fireworks without the permit next year, the Sheriff's Office will issue a citation. Discussion regarding municipal permits for fireworks. Marquette County ordinance on public peace and order was discussed, which notates fireworks use. Committee suggested Ms. Cromer return to Town of Springfield to further discuss the issue.
11. Administrator Ron Barger reported that Marquette County met with Green Lake County regarding Medical Examiner position. Green Lake County would like to contract with Marquette County for Medical Examiner services in which Marquette County would charge an administrative fee. Administrator Barger's recommendation is to employ Medical Examiner position as a full-time position. Motion by Mary Walters and seconded by Ken Borzick to proceed with full-time Medical Examiner and to work with Green Lake County on administrative details and to forward to Executive & Finance Committee. Motion carried.
12. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Al Rosenthal declared the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk