

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 7, 2025

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

1. Chairperson Judi Nigbor called the Public Safety Committee meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Members present: Judi Nigbor, Lance Achterberg, Chuck Bornhoeft, Gary Sorensen, and Ken Borzick

Others present: Supervisor Peggy Krause, Supervisor Dave Benson, Administrator Ron Barger, EMS Director Rob Lulling, DA Cliff Burdon, Sheriff Joe Konrath, Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph (virtual), Corp Counsel Natalie Bussan, and several citizens

2. Motion to approve the agenda as presented by Ken Borzick and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft. Motion carried.
3. Motion to approve the November 7, 2024 minutes by Chuck Bornhoeft and seconded by Gary Sorensen. Motion carried.
4. Reports of official meetings held in the prior month- None

Upcoming Events/Issues/Citizen Comments- Citizens John Krause, Greg Kemnitz, Tom Hockerman, Bruce Schmitz, Steve Klump, Ernie Pulvermacher all spoke in favor of jail/dispatch separation.

Citizen (and EMS employee) Brian Claesges spoke regarding the Med 1 operational changes, reporting the changes are taking more ambulances out of service by not having Med 1 available.

5. Committee Reviewed Vouchers as Presented- Supervisor Sorensen asked for further information regarding increase of Guardian Ad Litem vouchers.
6. Clerk of Court Shari Rudolph and DA Cliff Burdon shared they had no new updates. EM Director Aaron Williams reported year end grant is closing out with new grant dollars being awarded in April. Traffic Incident Management training will be resuming with EMS, Fire Dept., Highway, Sheriff's Office, etc. Medical Examiner agreement is now with Waushara County. No one from the Medical Examiner's Office was present.
7. Sheriff Joe Konrath explained PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) grant. Marquette County was awarded approximately \$705,000 for the FY25 PSAP grant. Sheriff reported the 911 dispatch would be moved to the Emergency Management Office if project moves forward. MIS network and data storage would be included in the update if project moves forward, taking around \$400,000 of the grant. Sheriff Konrath discussed the 2-year project proposal for the separation, which would include hiring 5 additional positions. Marquette County jail is PREA compliant, which allows Marquette County to house federal inmates. Federal government pays for medical needs and transportation for the

federal inmates. Sheriff Konrath reported 2024 revenue of \$279,000 just from federal inmates. Total of \$431,000 revenue from Board of Prisoners. Other jail data will be included in annual report.

Administrator Barger spoke to fiscal impact of the separation. Possible funding sources for the project would be new shared revenue, additional revenue from Board of Prisoners, or increase in upcoming borrowing. Ron noted the more immediate concern is construction costs- projected at approximately \$200,000. Sheriff Konrath noted the dispatch center furniture/equipment is from 1997. 2013 staffing analysis showed Marquette County is already operating below the number of staff recommended. Discussion followed regarding job duties for jail and dispatch. Finances and options discussed. Ron recommended committee move forward with RFP for construction of the separation to see totals. He noted the borrowing package needs to be completed by the end of March, so RFP would be help committee see if money needs to be bundled in. Motion by Gary Sorensen and seconded by Ken Borzick to move forward with RFP process and committee will make a decision by March. Motion carried.

8. EMS Director Rob Lulling reported he closed out 2024 reports with 1,787 calls for 2024. Rob reported protocol changes with Medical Director Group that will be sent to the state. Rural EMS Services will get 3% increase, which increases revenue for Medicare calls. Marquette County has around 60% of Medicare calls. Car Seat Technician certification completed by Rob.
9. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft to move into closed session per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g) under agenda item 10. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Closed session began at 3:28 p.m.
10. Moved by Ken Borzick and seconded by Chuck Bornhoeft to return to open session as per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (2) and agenda item 11. Motion carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes. Open session began at 3:50 p.m.
11. The agenda having been completed Committee Chairperson Judi Nigbor declared the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Kiley Lloyd, County Clerk