

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

10:30 a.m. – Conference Room A260

MINUTES

Chairman Sebatiani called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was properly announced.

Committee members present: Bob Eggebrecht, Marge Edwards, Al Sebatiani, Bill Miller, and Terry James.

Others present: Carol Collins, Kris Steffens, Deb Barnes, Kathie Dye, Janis Cada, Jane Gervais, Marilyn Rogers, Sheriff Wollin, and Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug.

Motion by Eggebrecht to approve the agenda, seconded by Edwards. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by James to approve the prior meeting minutes (March 13th & March 19th), seconded by Edwards. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

Kris Steffens was present from Eyes of Hope Shelter and provided the committee with her report for March 2013. Steffans reported there were 11 strays and 5 surrenders for March. Four strays were reclaimed by their owners. There were two strays brought in that had Parvo. It spread to three puppies and one adult dog. They were able to save the puppies but they lost the adult dog. They have bleached all the kennels and continue to monitor and vaccinate the animals so it doesn't spread any further.

Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Not Present

Child Support – Deb Barnes – Present

Performance measures and check summary for March 2013 were provided. Barnes explained they are ahead of where they were last year. The performance measures for March are slightly up from February. They were able to close some cases and that helped.

Barnes attended County Ambassador's Day in Madison and the Director's Dialog in Stevens Point last week. Barnes stated it was a good opportunity to help the representatives understand what they do and what their roles are. Strategic planning on what will happen if funding doesn't go through was discussed at the Director's Dialog. There is a new version of the KIDS system that is expected to be out in 2014. The current version is old and has no support if there are any issues. The new web based KIDS system should be more efficient.

Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Present

Dye provided the committee with her monthly expense report for March 2013. There were no questions.

Dye reported they are busy as ever. There are usually three or four trials a year and next week is already the fourth trial for this year. It is more common now that both court rooms are being used. McFarlin has been asked to move and hold cases in the law library or County Board Room. Dye stated they can keep up with two court rooms. McFarlin has not voiced any concerns about security when he has moved to different locations.

Register in Probate – Terry Reynolds – Not Present

District Attorney – Janis Cada – Present

Community Service Coordinator's report and check summary for March 2013 were provided. There were no questions.

Cada reminded the committee to RSVP for the community event on Friday for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Flyers/invitations were handed out and RSVP's are needed for meal preparation.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Present

Gervais provided the committee with the monthly expense report for March 2013. There were no questions. Gervais stated a redistribution check from the State for 2012 Emergency Management performance grant in the amount of \$6,381.96 was received.

Gervais submitted first half Plan of Work for 2013 to the State. The Command and General Staff training attended last month was an excellent and very intense training. A Hazmat Tabletop exercise was held on Saturday, March 30, 2013, and representatives from all agencies such as law enforcement, fire, DNR, hazmat and EMS attended. There was much discussion and good feedback.

Gervais was contacted by Communication Services stating that an alarm went off at the Richfield/Coloma communications tower site because the ice bridge was bent. They will need to replace a new section of the ice bridge and repair the GPS antenna that was damaged as a result of the bending of the ice bridge. Repairs are not covered under the maintenance contract. Quote for the repairs was \$1,061.00 and was turned over to AC/DOF Office to be submitted to the insurance company. The deductible is \$2,500.00 so this will probably not be covered and there are no monies in the budget for this.

The Friendship Village Board increased the storage fee for the mobile command trailer to \$1.50 per day from \$1.00 per day. The new contract will run from June 2013 to December 2014.

Gervais provided the committee with a letter from Fred Nickel stating that the Parks Committee voted to take the pole and warning siren down at Castle Rock Park unless someone comes forward and agrees to maintain the siren. Motion by Miller to have Parks remove the pole and siren however they see fit and dispose of it however they see fit, seconded by Edwards. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Present

Rogers provided the committee with the monthly activity report and check summary for March 2013. Caseloads are up in March but are evening out in April. The office is running smoothly with no issues. Naomi is going on calls by herself with telephone back up.

Applications for the Assistant Medical Examiner positions are now closed. Rogers will be getting those applications from Marcia Kaye and is hoping to have the deputies in place by May 1st.

Sheriff's Office - Sheriff Wollin – Present

Wollin provided the committee with the cost analysis synopsis for the use of Wood County Sheriff's Department computer labs and the cost benefit analysis for video conferencing. Wollin reported the cost to the county if there was no agreement in place with Wood County to be \$10,950.21 for 2012. Cost benefit for the video conferencing is being tracked and they have met the investment. Wollin asked if he needed to continue with the cost benefit tracking. Committee recommended that Wollin present a final report to the County Board. Motion by Edwards to discontinue the cost benefit tracking after the final report is given to County Board, seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Wollin reported there was a K-9 demonstration at Kid's Day and it went well. Sebatiani suggested the K-9 officer/dog come to County Board since there are new members. Wollin would like to have two K-9 officers/dogs as it would be beneficial to the County and there is a need.

Wollin informed the committee about the drug take back event on April 27th at Adams City Hall and Springville Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Medications collected will be package and dropped off in Madison for disposal.

Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Monthly revenue and expense reports for March 2013 were provided to the committee. Fahrenkrug explained to the committee that the expenses for car repairs were up due to new car routine maintenance and car/deer repairs.

Fahrenkrug reported that the animal control officer was forced to deal with two cats due to the owner being deceased. Adams County does not have a written agreement with Mauston Vet but they are charging the same fees as last year. There have been no cat complaints. Fahrenkrug stated there were a large amount of animal calls in March with twice as many dog pickups and 25 more hours worked.

The Committee will convene in closed session per Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) for purposes of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(g) for purposes of conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Discuss and/or act on personnel matter; consultation with legal counsel regarding same. Motion by Edwards to convene in closed session per Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(c) and Wis. Stats. §19.85(1)(g) at 11:55 a.m., seconded by James. Voice vote: Eggebrecht-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Miller-Yes, James-Yes, and Sebatiani-Yes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

The Committee will reconvene in open session per Wis. Stats. §19.85(2), to consider and vote on appropriate matters. Motion by James to reconvene in open session per Wis. Stats. §19.85(2) at 12:35 p.m., seconded by Eggebrecht. Voice vote: Eggebrecht-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Miller-Yes, James-Yes, and Sebatiani-Yes. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Motion by James to approve vouchers as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Set next monthly meeting date as May 8th at 10:30 a.m.

Motion by Miller to adjourn, seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:38 p.m.

These minutes have not been approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Collins
Recording Secretary