

## Public Safety & Judiciary Committee

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A260

### MINUTES

Chairman Sebastiani called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly announced.

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

Others present: Carol Collins, Kris Steffens, Deb Barnes, Terry Reynolds, Tania Bonnett, Jane Gervais, Marilyn Rogers, Sam Wollin, and Terry Fahrenkrug.

**Motion by James to approve the agenda and to deviate from the agenda to move item #15 (Medical Examiner) to follow item #7 (Correspondence), seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by James to approve the prior meeting minutes (June 12<sup>th</sup> and June 18<sup>th</sup>), seconded by Edwards. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

#### Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Present

Rogers provided the Committee with the monthly activity report and check summary for June 2013. Rogers stated the death rates are up compared to 2012. Rogers stated there are three active tissue service banks in Wisconsin. Rogers explained that hospitals are required to contract with tissue service banks and coroners or medical examiners can choose and rotate tissue service banks. Tissue service banks will send informal contracts to coroners or medical examiners stating what they offer and what they want in return. Rogers is currently dealing with ATSF and would like to rotate between ATSF and RTI in 2014. Rogers was asked by the Committee to give an update at next month's meeting regarding the status of certifications for the other two employees.

#### Eyes of Hope Shelter—Kris Steffens—Present

Steffens provided the Committee with her monthly report for June 2013. Steffens discussed her report and stated June was a good month for adoptions. Steffens stated that they had to replace the microchip scanner and veterinary bills were higher than usual. Steffens reported things are going good.

#### Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Not Present

#### Child Support – Deb Barnes – Present

Barnes provided the Committee with the performance measures and check summary for June 2013. Barnes stated that they are trying new things to help with their arrears collection. Barnes informed the Committee that she is part of the State/County contract negotiation committee that will be meeting with the State on July 16<sup>th</sup>. They will start negotiating how the \$8,500,000 general purpose revenue that was restored will be distributed. Barnes stated that things are going well in her office and she is using an on-call worker to help out when needed.

#### Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Not Present

#### Register in Probate – Terry Reynolds –Present

Reynolds provided the Committee with the monthly expense report for June 2013. Reynolds stated that her budget is in line except for her juvenile budget which is at 76%. Reynolds explained this is due to the increase in CHIPS cases.

Reynolds reported that she spoke to Jennifer Swenson about putting out a brochure and banner for Teen Court at the Adams County Fair. Reynolds will also look into the possibility of getting a fair booth this year.

District Attorney – Tania Bonnett – Present

Bonnett stated that things are going well in her office. Mark Thibodeau is in charge while she is out of the office. Big cases have been pushed out to August after Bonnett returns to work. Bonnett stated she is in the office one day a week and does work from home when needed. She plans to return to work on August 5<sup>th</sup> and Mark Thibodeau will continue as the Assistant District Attorney one day a week.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Present

Gervais provided the Committee with the monthly expense report for June 2013. There were no questions.

Gervais provided the Committee with the resolution to adopt the commercial lease agreement for the storage of the mobile command trailer. Gervais stated the resolution was approved by Mark Thibodeau. Outside counsel also reviewed the resolution and made numerous changes. Gervais would like to see “with a carryover to 2014” struck from the resolution. **Motion by James to approve the resolution striking “with a carryover to 2014” in the fiscal note and pass on to County Board, seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Gervais stated Admin & Finance approved the main communications tower backup option at the Coloma/Richfield communication tower site and the expenses are to be taken from the contingency fund.

Gervais stated a hazmat functional training was held in June and it went well. The commodity flow study was done but Gervais has not received the results. Gervais stated she will bring the results to the Committee when she receives them.

Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff Wollin – Present

Wollin informed the Committee that Trena Larson is taking a resolution to Admin & Finance to bring back the DARE account carryover funds from the general fund in August. Wollin stated the K-9 and School Liaison Officer special assignments have been posted, but no selections have been made. Wollin stated we are fifth on the list for the class in November for the additional K-9. Wollin met with the Fair Board about having a food booth at the Adams County Fair this year to help raise funds for the K-9 and Community Policing programs. Wollin stated he is sending 24 employees to training in Juneau County on July 18th on stress in law enforcement and stress in life to keep them mentally healthy. He would like to get as many people through this training as possible. Wollin explained there was a four hour drug interdiction on June 21<sup>st</sup> with successful results. There were 80 traffic stops, 25 citations, 73 warnings, 5 drug arrests, 3 warrants, 1 OWI, 1 criminal traffic, 24 K-9 sniffs, 10 K-9 alerts, and 2 consent searches. They were able to utilize grant funds for this. Wollin stated a sex offender was released to Adams County and is being housed in the jail because he has no residence yet.

Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Monthly revenue and expense reports for June 2013 were provided to the Committee. Fahrenkrug stated he attended a domestic violence training/conference with Wollin and that it was beneficial. Fahrenkrug stated it was an eye opener to make sure they are doing what they need to do to be safe. They are looking at software to identify frequent offenders and who are the victims. They are getting statistics in and will involve educating officers. There was no animal control report for June 2012 so no comparison was done for June. Fahrenkrug informed the Committee that the Mauston Veterinary bill was for a cat that the animal control officer had to pick up last month.

**Motion by James to approve vouchers and monthly expense reports as presented, seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Identify upcoming agenda items: Update on contracted services in the animal control officer budget.

Set next monthly meeting date as August 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Motion by Edwards to adjourn, seconded by James. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Collins  
Recording Secretary