

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A260

MINUTES

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

Committee members present: Scott Colburn, Robert Grabarski, Jack Allen, Rocky Gilner, and Deb Parr filling in for Pete Hickethier

Others present: Carol Collins, Tania Bonnett, Kris Steffens, Kathie Dye, Jane Gervais, Marilyn Rogers, Terry Fahrenkrug, and Ed Reed

Motion by Colburn to approve the agenda, seconded by Gilner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Gilner to approve the September 14, 2016 minutes, seconded by Colburn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

District Attorney – Tania Bonnett – Present

Committee was provided with a financial report for September and there was nothing unusual to report. Bonnett stated the office has been busier than it was over the summer. Bonnett discussed the 5-year grant that was awarded to help fund the drug treatment court. Bonnett stated they expect the treatment court to start operating in July 2017. A large amount of the grant will be used to fund the treatment court coordinator position. Committee was informed that ADA Thibodeau's last day in the office was 10/11/16, but his retirement from the ADA position will be at the end of the year. The ADA position is a 20% position working one day a week and Bonnett will try to fill the vacancy by January 2017.

Eyes of Hope Shelter—Kris Steffens — Present

Steffens discussed the history of Eyes of Hope Shelter for those supervisors that are new to the committee. Committee was updated on the recent fundraising activities. Steffens expressed her concern that residents are not aware that Eyes of Hope Shelter exists and has contracted with Adams County for the past five years to provide animal care services for stray or abandoned dogs. Steffens asked the committee if there was anything that could be done to inform the community such as advertising. Committee stated that Adams County couldn't put any advertisements in the newspaper, but did support her efforts and would spread the word to residents whenever they could. Steffens stated she would present a financial report next month.

Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Not Present

Family Court Commissioner was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written report for September.

Child Support – Janet Leja – Not Present

Child Support was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written and financial report for September along with the WCSEA 40th Annual Fall Conference agenda.

Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Present

Committee was provided with a written report for September and the audio/video proposals from SKC Communications for the two courtrooms. Dye also provided the committee with a sheet she created summarizing the proposal options by the 1-yr & 3-yr maintenance plan. Discussion was held regarding the proposals and what options were more feasible. Dye did express the judge's reservations with installing the video conferencing in Courtroom B with the current space needs study and the potential for a new location. The audio upgrade/replacement is necessary for Courtroom B at this time. The information will be forwarded to Admin & Finance to discuss at their next meeting.

Register in Probate – Chris Langer – Not Present

Register in Probate was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written and financial report for September.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Present

Gervais provided the committee with a written and financial report for September to review. Gervais updated the committee on the recent flooding issues. There were five townships that had damage to infrastructures. Gervais is working with FEMA to receive funds to help cover the costs for those repairs. Paperwork was submitted to the State and Gervais stated she should hear something in the next two weeks or so.

Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Present

Committee was provided with a written and financial report for September. Rogers discussed the report. September was a very average month and there was nothing unusual to report. The office is running smoothly.

Sheriff's Office – Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Committee was provided with the animal control report and financial report for September. Committee was updated on the night shoot training at FCI. Deputy Lindsey participated in the ALERT challenge sponsored by the county's insurance company and received first place. Fahrenkrug explained the Sheriff's Office will receive a \$10,000 award for Lindsey placing first in the challenge. Committee was updated on the internal efforts in place for increased jail security and Fahrenkrug provided the committee with a copy of the memo given to staff. Fahrenkrug stated the Sheriff's Office did not have any issues with the recent flooding and it has been business as usual. Committee was informed that the space needs study will be going before Admin & Finance on 10/14/16 in order to receive approval to expand the study.

Motion by Allen to approve vouchers and monthly expense reports as presented, seconded by Parr. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Identify upcoming agenda items: None at this time.

Set next monthly meeting date as November 9, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Gilner to adjourn, seconded by Colburn. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

These minutes have been approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee on November 9, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carol Collins

Recording Secretary