

Public Safety & Judiciary Committee
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A260

MINUTES

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

Committee members present: Robert Eggebrecht, Robert Grabarski, Jack Allen, Orin Nigh, and Jerry Kotlowski

Others present: Carol Collins, Tania Bonnett, Dennis McFarlin, Jane Gervais, Marilyn Rogers, Terry Fahrenkrug, Ryan Greeno, and Thaddeus Kubisiak

Motion by Kotlowski to approve the agenda, seconded by Eggebrecht. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Motion by Grabarski to approve the November 10, 2015 minutes, seconded by Kotlowski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

District Attorney – Tania Bonnett – Present

Committee was provided with the financial report for November 2015 and community service report for October 2015. Committee asked where the participants perform the hours for their community service and Bonnet stated she could get that information for the committee members at the meeting next month. The drug treatment court committee has been meeting regularly. Bonnett explained they will be doing joint training with Sheboygan County as they applied for a training grant. Bonnett stated they are working on purging files as time permits and will be going paperless in 2016. Bonnett informed the committee that she is talking with the judge about converting one of the offices by the courtroom into a victim/witness waiting room and explained they are allowed that by statute. A report of where the community service hours are performed was distributed to the committee at the end of the meeting as Bonnett later returned with that information.

Eyes of Hope Shelter—Kris Steffens — Not Present

Steffens was unable to attend the meeting. There was no written report to review.

Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Present

Committee was provided with a written report for November. McFarlin explained his budget is doing well with revenues at 97% and expenses at 85%. McFarlin stated the judge is utilizing him as much as he can and discussed being on-call and what that entails.

Child Support – Janet Leja – Not Present

The Child Support Office was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written report and financial report for November. There were no questions.

Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Not Present

The Clerk of Circuit Court Office was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a financial report for November. There were no questions.

Register in Probate – Chris Langer – Not Present

The Register in Probate Office was not scheduled to attend the meeting. There was no monthly report to review.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Present

Committee was provided with the financial report for November. Gervais discussed the locations of the towers Adams County owns and/or rents space from. Chairman Allen suggested Gervais get a map with all the towers for committee members to see. Gervais stated the railroad training that was held on 11/30/15 was beneficial and informative. Gervais explained that FEMA approved the All Hazards Mitigation Plan so that plan is good for five years. The mobile command trailer is back from having the converters replaced. Cold weather kits were purchased for the generators.

Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Present

Committee was provided with a written report and financial report for November. There were no questions. Rogers stated the call volume has been busier than usual for November and they are up to 180 cases as of 12/8/15. Rogers explained the new bill that states funeral homes are no longer required to pay the medical examiner fees for Medical Assistance cases. Rogers has been working with Corporation Counsel to develop a contract for payment of medical examiner fees. Rogers provided the committee with the letter and contract for their review. Chairman Allen requested that Rogers supply the committee members with something in writing to explain the change in legislation and Rogers stated she will put a copy of the bill in their mailboxes in the County Clerk's Office.

Sheriff's Office – Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Committee was provided with the animal control report and financial report for November. Fahrenkrug informed the committee that there is a vacancy in the patrol division due to a recent resignation and could possibly be two vacancies with the investigator vacancy. Fahrenkrug explained there are still problems with getting eligibility lists for all divisions. Greeno explained that Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative has awarded the Sheriff's Office over \$5,000 to purchase a video system. Committee was provided with the Notice of Understanding between Adams County and Eyes of Hope Shelter for their approval. Committee requested an animal control report that would show comparisons from one year to the next. **Motion by Kotlowski to approve the Notice of Understanding between Adams County and Eyes of Hope Shelter, seconded by Nigh. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

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

Identify upcoming agenda items: None at this time

Set next monthly meeting date as January 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Grabarski to adjourn, seconded by Kotlowski. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

These minutes have been approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee on January 13, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Grabarski
Secretary