

**Minutes of the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
Friday, June 17, 2022**

Chair LaFontain called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Jacob LaFontain, Mike Crowley, Tyler Foti, Robert Kolb, Terry Thieme, and Matthew Weil. **Absent:** Tom Schellinger.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Health & Human Services Director Liz Aldred, Clinical Services Manager Kirk Yauchler, Retired Pastor/SOPHIA Member Ralph Schultz, Citizen Julie Valadez, District Attorney Sue Opper, Victim Witness Program Coordinator Jen Dunn, Accounting Services Manager Danielle Igielski, Senior Financial Analysts Alex Klosterman and Michelle Czech, Chief Judge Jennifer Dorow, Clerk of Courts Monica Paz, Fiscal Analyst Laurie Wirth, Inspector Jim Gumm, Captain Aaron Bogie, Chief of Staff Shawn Lundie, Lydia Morrell of the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, Hunter Turpin of the *Waukesha Freeman*, and County Board Supervisors Darlene Johnson, Joel Gaughan, Peter Wolff, and Jim Heinrich.

Ordinance 177-O-029 Modify the 2022 Department of Health and Human Services – Special Purpose Grant Fund for Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Pretrial Supervision and Increase American Rescue Plan Act Funding General Government Revenue

Aldred, Yauchler, and Igielski were present to discuss this ordinance which modifies the 2022 Department of Health and Human Services – Special Purpose Grant Fund budget to increase operating expenditures by \$32,000 and increase general government revenues from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) by \$32,000. The Criminal Justice Collaborating Council plans to use this funding to support one additional contracted case manager position for the pretrial supervision program to address a backlog in caseload resulting from the pandemic. The cost estimate of \$32,000 reflects a partial-year. Staff anticipates continuing this contracted position through 2023 at a full-year cost of \$67,000 and funded with ARPA revenues to correspond with the Courts Backlog Project approved during 2021. These costs are eligible under final ARPA grant rules that allow for reimbursement under the category of public sector capacity: administrative needs that were caused by or exacerbated by the pandemic.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Foti to approve Ordinance 177-O-029. Motion carried 6-0.

Overview of the District Attorney's Office

Opper and Dunn gave an educational overview of the District Attorney's Office and the Victim Witness Program including staffing, types of cases, duties and responsibilities, and funding.

Public Comment

Schultz spoke of the need for criminal justice reform and supports closing the Huber Facility.

Update on Huber

Gumm discussed the rationale for closing the County's Huber Facility including staff shortages, the aging and deteriorating building, and budget challenges. Some Huber inmates have been transferred to the main jail and some of the staff will also be moved. At that time one floor will close and one will remain for both male and female Huber inmates which will result in some staffing efficiencies. A task force, which includes the chief judge of other criminal justice stakeholders, will continue to meet and study this issue as well as alternatives to incarceration including electronic monitoring. Gumm noted that the Sheriff's primary concern has and will always be public safety.

Update on Hiring and Overtime within the Sheriff's Department

Gumm said the salary increase for deputy sheriffs, approved by the County Board, has been beneficial and there are now only four vacancies and about 30 functional vacancies. The rest have been filled and are undergoing training at various levels. A change in the class spec, if approved by the Human Resources Committee, will also help increase the applicant pool.

Approve Minutes of May 13

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Kolb to approve the minutes of May 13. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- July 15

Executive Committee Report of May 16

LaFontain said the Executive Committee approved several ordinances and appointments and heard a report on American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Announcements

Ignatowski asked supervisors to send pictures of them in their community or with constituents for the County Board Twitter account. He also asked them to regularly check their email for County Board updates, etc. He noted that expense sheets should be turned in at the end of June and end of December each year and starting July 1st they should use the new form.

Future Agenda Items

- Tour of the Huber Facility (LaFontain)

MOTION: Foti moved, second by Weil to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thieme

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Secretary