

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

**Minutes of the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
Friday, July 15, 2022**

Chair LaFontain called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Jacob LaFontain, Mike Crowley, Terry Thieme, and Matthew Weil. Tom Schellinger arrived at 8:34 a.m. and Robert Kolb at 8:47 am. **Absent:** Tyler Foti.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Emergency Preparedness Director Gary Bell, Operations Manager Chris Becker, and Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Goodchild, Financial Analyst Cathy Kienast, Business Manager Josh Joost, Senior Financial Analyst Michelle Czech, Inspector Jim Gumm, Sheriff Eric Severson, and Deputy Inspector Patrick Esser.

Approve Minutes of June 16

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Weil to approve the minutes of June 16 as amended. Motion carried 4-0.

Schellinger arrived at 8:34 a.m.

Next Meeting Date

- August 11

Executive Committee Report of June 20

LaFontain said the Executive Committee approved several ordinances and appointments and heard an educational overview of the Bridges Library System.

Future Agenda Items

- Huber Tour in August

Ordinance 177-O-037 Amend The 2022 Sheriff's Department Budget By Appropriating Seized Fund Revenues To Fund Multiple Expenses To Enhance Law Enforcement

Severson and Gumm discussed this ordinance. Severson said he does not expect to depend on seized funds in the future due to recent law changes and this will pose budget challenges for equipment replacement.

Kolb arrived at 8:47 a.m.

Gumm said they are requesting to use up to a maximum of \$60,000 of seized funds expenditure authority to purchase ballistic shields for schools and vehicles (\$48,000) and breaching tools for vehicles (\$12,000). Staff estimate the on-going operating and maintenance costs for equipment items will be minimal and will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Department. This ordinance results in no additional direct tax levy impact in 2022.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Schellinger to approve Ordinance 177-O-037. Motion carried 6-0.

Update on Hiring and Overtime within the Sheriff's Department

Gumm said there is a reduction in deputy overtime of almost 20% from last year and detective overtime by almost 50%. Staffing numbers have remained fairly static from last year. Regarding hiring, there are only five open deputy positions and they are interviewing five today who are sworn officers coming from other agencies. They have filled 16 positions in the corrections division since the last time they gave an update and they hope to hire more correctional officers soon and noted an upcoming job fair. Gumm discussed the training process after hiring and when these officers would be ready to work. He said while the process does take time, they are heading in the right direction.

Ordinance 177-R-002 Designation Of Waukesha County Communication Center As Single Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) In County For Wis. Stat. Section 256.35(3S)(BM) Grant Eligibility

Bell and Becker were present to discuss this resolution which will designate the Waukesha County Communications Center as the single PSAP in Waukesha County and be eligible to receive grants under Wisconsin Statutes Section 256.35(3s)(bm). This will aid in incorporating Next Generation 911 in the county. Bell said they currently don't have access due to not having the correct IT environment.

Thieme asked for information on the four Waukesha County municipalities that have their own 911 center. He was concerned what affect this will have on them, potential safety issues, and competing interests. Bell said this is a "game changer" for the other 32 municipalities they provide dispatch services for. He noted that he and staff have been working on this since 2008 with the state legislature whereby he discussed its history. Bell said nothing will change for the four municipalities that have their own 911 center.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Crowley to approve Ordinance 177-R-002. Motion carried 5-1. Thieme voted no.

Ordinance 177-O-039 Repeal the 2016 Waukesha County All Hazard Mitigation Plan and Adopt the 2021 Waukesha County All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Bell and Goodchild were present to discuss this ordinance which repeals the 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan, adopts the 2021 Waukesha County All Hazard Mitigation Plan, and expresses support of the Board for the 2021 plan as required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Goodchild said this plan needs to be reviewed and updated every five years.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Thieme to approve Ordinance 177-O-039. Motion carried 6-0.

Tour of Communications Center

Communications Center staff led the committee on a tour of the center.

MOTION: Kolb moved, second by Weil to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Thieme

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Secretary