

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee Friday, March 17, 2023

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

Present: Supervisors Jacob LaFontain, Mike Crowley, Robert Kolb, Johnny Koremenos, Tom Schellinger, Terry Thieme and Matthew Weil

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Chairman Paul Decker, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, Emergency Preparedness Director Gary Bell, Judge William Domina, Sheriff Eric Severson, Business Manager Joshua Joost, Inspector Jim Gumm, Deputy Inspector Patrick Esser, Financial Analyst Catherine Kienast, Detective Marshall Jensen, Deputy District Attorney Abbey Nickolie, Human Resources Manager Renee Gage, Senior Human Resources Analyst Jane Barwick

Approve Minutes of January 13

MOTION: Thieme moved, second by Schellinger to approve the minutes of January 13. Motion carried 7-0

Next Meeting Date

April 14

Executive Committee Report of February 20

LaFontain reported that five people interviewed for the District 8 vacancy, selection has been made for Johnny Koremenos, three ordinances passed, and one appointment was approved.

Announcements

Reminder to take KnowBe4 training

Future Agenda Items

Video Court (Schellinger)

Overview of jail - population, challenges, future budget restrictions (Crowley)

Legislative Update

Fraley reported that she and Rebecca Mattano attended Wisconsin Parks and Recreation Association's Lobbying Day in Madison last week. She is now working with Health and Human Services to prepare for the Wisconsin Counties Association Lobbying Day in Madison that will be held in early April. The Joint Finance Committee has not started meeting yet, but they will start their sessions in Waukesha County.

Election of Committee Vice-Chair

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Koremenos to elect Weil as Vice Chair. Motion carried 7-0

Ordinance 177-O-108 Second Amendment To Menomonee Park Cell Tower Lease With United States Cellular Operating Company LLC

This item was withdrawn.

Ordinance 177-O-109 First Amendment To Lease With CCATT LLC At UW-Milwaukee Waukesha Campus

Bell presented that this ordinance authorizes the extension of an existing agreement with CCATT LLC to lease county land for two years, from November 18, 2022, through November 17, 2024. Under the extension, CCATT LLC will pay the county \$46,580 in rental charges from November 18, 2022 through November 17, 2023, and \$48,443 (4% increase) from November 18, 2023 through November 17, 2024.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Crowley to approve Ordinance 177-O-109. Motion carried 7-0

Update on Criminal Courts Backlog

Domina presented on the criminal court case backlog. Circuit Courts has made progress to address the backlog, however, they have seen an uptick in the number of felony cases charged. Graphs were presented to the committee showing criminal case filing, disposition history and age of pending criminal caseload, average cases per judge and pending felony cases through 2022.

Update on Hiring and Overtime within the Sheriff's Department

Severson, Gumm and Joost presented that the department has seen a reduction in overtime partly due to less people leaving the department for another position due to the salary modification the County Board passed last year. The overtime is also decreasing because the department is not backfilling patrol positions when a deputy is out sick or using vacation time. The department has taken numerous measures to increase the corrections staff including eliminating some of the steps within the hiring process, working with Human Resources on mass hiring events and loosening some of the criteria to become a correctional officer.

Update on Training within the Sheriff's Department

Severson, Gumm and Joost presented that last year the department cut all discretionary training in order to meet budget, but now training has returned to the normal training schedule this year.

Tour of Huber Facility

The Committee took a tour of the Huber facility.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Thieme to adjourn at 10:51 a.m. Motion carried 6-0. Kolb was not present.

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Thieme
Secretary – Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee