

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

**Minutes of the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
Friday, May 12, 2023**

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

Present: Supervisors Jacob LaFontain, Mike Crowley, Johnny Koremenos, Tom Schellinger, Terry Thieme and Matthew Weil. Supervisor Robert Kolb arrived at 8:37 a.m.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Medical Examiner Lynda Biedrzycki, Associate Medical Examiner Amy Sheil, Departmental Executive Assistant Nicki Powell, Clerk of Courts Monica Paz, Jury Coordinator Lauren Kozlowski, Business Manager Joshua Joost, Inspector Jim Gumm, Deputy Inspector Patrick Esser, Financial Analyst Cathy Kienast, Captain Nicholas Ollinger

Approve Minutes of April 14

MOTION: Koremenos moved, second by Crowley to approve the minutes of April 14. Motion carried 6-0

Next Meeting Date

June 16

Executive Committee Report of April 17

LaFontain reported that the Committee approved the advertising contract with the Waukesha Freeman, and two ordinances related to the Lake Country Classical Academy charter school and Courthouse Project Step 2 renovation. Spaeth reported on the Strategic Plan update presented at the meeting regarding proposed organizational meeting changes.

Future Agenda Item

Challenges with the bandwidth of the radio system within Waukesha County (Weil and Koremenos)
Huber Report (Spaeth)

Legislative Update

Fraley reported that the shared revenue bill was introduced, and the Assembly Local Government Committee held a public hearing last week. It was voted out of committee, and we expect to see it on the assembly floor next week. While no amendments have been made to it at this time, they are expected on Wednesday. Waukesha County currently receives \$636,000 and under this new plan we would receive an additional \$3.2 million. However, that amount does not cover the cost of inflation in the County budget for one single year. County Executive Farrow has been very vocal through the media and written testimony to the committee that this is not historic in that it will only have a one-year impact.

Kolb arrived at 8:37 a.m.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 178-O-016 Approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement With Kenosha County For The Waukesha County Medical Examiner's Office To Provide Pediatric Autopsy Services For Kenosha County

Biedrzycki presented that this ordinance authorizes Waukesha County to enter an intergovernmental agreement to provide contracted pediatric forensic autopsy services to Kenosha County. The proposed contract is to last 5 years, from April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2028, with an automatic extension of an additional 5 years, unless otherwise amended or terminated. Under the terms of the agreement, Kenosha County is to pay Waukesha County \$3,000 for each pediatric forensic autopsy performed, based on the estimated cost to provide these services. Kenosha County will also pay for related operating expenses, including laboratory fees in these cases. Additionally, Kenosha shall pay Waukesha the sum of \$957 for each half-day (0 – 4 hours) spent responding to a death scene investigation, court hearing time, and travel time.

MOTION: Schellinger moved, second by Crowley to approve Ordinance 178-O-016. Motion carried 7-0

Presentation of the 2022 Jury Report

Paz and Kozłowski were present to discuss this report as outlined. In 2022, there were 100 jury trials in which jurors were called to report in for service, although ultimately 25 did not proceed due to adjournments, pleas being entered and dismissals. In 2022, the total cost of the program was \$237,823 and there were 227 total jury days. Waukesha County's Voluntary Juror Donation Program allows jurors to voluntarily donate their jury pay and/or travel fee back to the Jury Program. In 2022, \$5,681 was donated back to the program to be used toward improvements. Of the 1,074 jurors who completed a survey in 2022, 83% agreed their experience was better than expected.

MOTION: Thieme moved, second by Koremenos to accept the 2022 Annual Jury Program Report. Motion carried 7-0

Sheriff's Department 2023 Budget Update

Gumm and Joost reported that their budget is projected to finish with a positive variance at this point. They are still working through issues with employee turnover on the corrections side, and remain flexible with how many officers are on the road. Not ordering overtime has produced a substantial reduction in overtime expenses. Gumm said that a by-product of being at full staff is that more squad cars are out and that has resulted in an increase in fuel expenses. ARPA funds are helping with this.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Koremenos to adjourn at 9:45 a.m. Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,



Terry Thieme
Secretary – Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee