



PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – August 1, 2016

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on August 1, 2016 in Conference Room N-1, Courthouse - East.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Brill, Fell, Knudson and Owens.

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Commander Knudson, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Deputy Krahn, Rock County Sheriff's Office; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Mediation and Family Court; Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Circuit Court.

Others Present: Supervisor Podzilni; Barry Irmien, Dane County Medical Examiner, Director of Operations; Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette.

Adoption of Agenda. Chair Beaver said we have an amended agenda and we also will be removing item 8. Supervisor Owens moved approval of the amended agenda with this deletion, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of July 14, 2016 as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. Ms. Sukus encouraged everyone to view the Janesville Gazette article from July 15, 2016 and view the #ThankYouBlue video on you tube. She also encouraged everyone to attend National Night Out on August 2.

Commander Knudson said the Sheriff's Office will be at Riverside Park in Beloit for National Night Out this year.

Consent Calendar.

Review of Payments. None.

Transfers and Appropriations. None.

Resolutions.

Awarding Quote for Outboard Engine and Amending Sheriff's Office Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2016 that the quote for the Mercury Marine 250 HP Verado outboard engine be awarded to Jerrys Sports Service Inc., of Beloit, Wisconsin, in the amount of \$10,995.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sheriff's Office budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Brill moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Fell.
ADOPTED.

Authorizing Acceptance of Cops and Kids Foundation Grant

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this ____ day of _____ 2016, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds from the Cops and Kids Foundation; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2016 budget be amended as follows:

...”

Supervisor Fell moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Knudson.
ADOPTED.

Medical Examiner Department Update. A corrected update memo, which included page 2, was distributed to the Committee.

Mr. Irmen said the partnership with Dane County in 2015 brought a Forensic Pathologist Medical Examiner for Rock County, using best practices, instead of a lay person. He said the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) allowed 75-95 autopsies without having to reconcile the variance and 128 autopsies were conducted in 2015. Rock County was invoiced for the additional 33 autopsies at approximately \$65,000, which was primarily covered by savings in staff costs in 2015.

Mr. Irmen said based on the first six months of 2016, there have been 70 autopsies and five external examinations, he is projecting 140 autopsies and 11 external exams. 140 autopsies would result in an additional \$68,646 inclusive of transportation costs. The doctors have cleared 426 cases and he is projecting a total of 841. Based on these projections it looks like the ME's Office will be about \$60,000 - \$70,000 over budget. Mr. Irmen will return to the Committee at year end to provide a more definite budget adjustment request.

Supervisor Knudson thanked Mr. Irmen and the rest of the Medical Examiner's Office for the level of professionalism they have provided Rock County citizens.

Mr. Terronez said when Rock County entered into the IGA there were a number of meetings with funeral homes and law enforcement and we will be having these meetings again as we discuss renewing the IGA with Dane County.

Semi-Annual Reports. The Committee accepted the reports.

Committee Requests and Motions. Supervisor Knudson said the Sheriff's Office did a very nice job at the Rock County 4-H Fair.

Adjournment. Supervisor Owens moved adjournment at 4:14 P.M., second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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