

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – February 2, 2015

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on February 2, 2015 in Conference Room N-1 Courthouse - East.

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

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Jeff Kuglitsch, Corporation Counsel; Captain Jude Maurer, Sheriff's Office; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Director of Mediation and Family Court Services; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; David O'Leary, District Attorney; Jacki Gackstatter, Clerk of Courts.

Others Present: Supervisors Russ Podzilni and Sandra Kraft; Barry Irmen, Director of Operations, Rock & Dane County Medical Examiners Department; Whitney Helm, Beloit Daily News.

Adoption of Agenda. Chair Beaver said there was an addition to item 5.A. a transfer for 911 Communications Center. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the agenda with this addition, second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of January 19, 2015 as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. None.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations.

911 Communications Center

<u>FROM</u>		<u>TO</u>	
<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23-2400-0000-62210	\$ 6,400	23-2400-0000-62119	\$ 6,400
Telephone		Other Contracted Services	

Bills/Encumbrances - 2014

Sheriff	\$	16,049.95
HIDTA Grant		5,025.00
RECAP Operations		12,507.74

Correctional Facility	2,808.35
Circuit Courts	1,228.97
Clerk of Courts	188.44
911 Project Operations	2,704.61
District Attorney	340.00
Deferred Prosecution / Domestic Violence	40.00
Coroner	23,145.58
Child Support	14.70
Coroner	429.00

Bills/Encumbrances - 2015

Sheriff	\$ 1,024.11
RECAP Operations	215.58
Correctional Facility	1,039.60
Emergency Management	7,824.28
Circuit Courts	197.60
Clerk of Courts	303.99
911 Project Operations	324,718.98
District Attorney	752.00
Medical Examiner	417.00
Child Support	1,869.95

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments. None.

Supervisor Brill moved approval of the above Transfers and Appropriations, Bills and Encumbrances and Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Reconsider Action Taken on January 19, 2015 Regarding Creating Sections 3.505(H) and 3.506(C) of the Rock County Ordinances.

Supervisor Brill moved to reconsider the action taken on January 19, 2015 regarding Creating Sections 3.505(H) and 3.506(C) of the Rock County Ordinances, second by Supervisor Knudson.

The Committee members individually expressed their concerns and, almost immediate, second thoughts on approving the ordinance at the January 19, 2015 meeting.

Supervisor Fell said the Slow-No-Wake Ordinance was approved to take care of the problem and this Ordinance would most likely create new ones.

Supervisor Kraft said she talked to Mark Freitag, City of Janesville Manager, to see if there may be other options and/or avenues Mr. Zeigler could look into. She added that originally the towns had control and the citizens were upset and came to the County to asking that the rules governing the waterways be made uniform in regards to slow-no-wake.

Chair Beaver asked for the opinion from the Sheriff's Office. Captain Maurer said this ordinance is centered around one individual and, if passed, more people would likely come forward and this could become problematic.

APPROVED.

Resolution.

Creating Sections 3.505(H) and 3.506(C) of the Rock County Ordinances

"The Board of Supervisors of the County of Rock, at its regular meeting this _____ day of _____, 2015, does ordain as follows:

I. Section 3.505(H) of the Rock County Ordinances is created to read as follows:

(H) Businesses with a tax identification number, engaged extensively in boat or watercraft repair may operate a boat or watercraft within any area of any river that is currently designated a slow-no-wake area only for purposes of testing the boat/watercraft either before or after repair, provided all of the following occur:

- (1) The operator has received written approval from all governing bodies for the designated area of the river the business will use to conduct the test.
- (2) The Rock County Sheriff has approved the test area for a designated period of time and has given permission to allow the business operation.
- (3) The watercraft being tested does not exceed 11 feet in length and is jet non-propelled.
- (4) The testing of the boat/watercraft occurs only during the hours 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. No weekend testing is permitted.

II. Section 3.506(C) of the Rock County Ordinances is created to read as follows:

(C) Upon the application of a business with a tax identification number, engaged extensively in boat or watercraft repair proposing to test boat/watercraft equipment and with the written approval of the appropriate government body where the testing is proposed, the Rock County Sheriff may allow the work repair subject to the requirements under Section 3.505(H). The Sheriff's Office permission shall specify the times and locations such testing shall be authorized.

III. Sections 3.505(H) and 3.506(C) shall be effective upon publication. The Revisor of Ordinances is directed to conform the numbering of all of Part 5, Chapter 3 in accordance with section 1.120(1) of these Ordinances."

Supervisor Knudson moved to table indefinitely the above resolution, second by Supervisor Fell. TABLED INDEFINITELY by unanimous vote.

Update on the District Attorney Office's Request for Additional Assistant District Attorney Positions. Mr. O'Leary informed the Committee that he will be making a request at the State level for additional help throughout the State. Due to the work load and volume he has been giving the lesser cases to the municipal courts to allow the time for his office to deal with cases such as heroin, murder, homicides, etc.

Semi-annual Reports. The Committee accepted the reports from Child, Support, Circuit Courts, Clerk of Courts, 911 Communications Center, District Attorney, Mediation & Family Courts Services, Coroner/Medical Examiner, and Sheriff's Office.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Supervisor Knudson left at 4:18 P.M.

Tour of District Attorney's Office. The Committee and guests toured the District Attorney's Office from 4:18 to 4:50 P.M.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brill moved adjournment at 4:50 P.M., second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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