



PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – January 15, 2018

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on January 15, 2018 in Conference Room N-1, Fifth Floor, Courthouse East.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Owens.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to County Administrator; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel; Sheriff Robert Spoden, Chief Deputy Barbara Tillman, Commander Erik Chellevold, Sheriff's Office; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director; Kathy Sucus, 911 Communications Center Director.

Others Present: Supervisor Russ Podzilni; Wayne Skattum, Justice Overcoming Borders; Officer Chad Sullivan, Janesville Police Department; Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette; Richard Johnson, Dave Vaughn, Mike Marcks, Gene Wendt, Diane Kolval, Abigail Scieszinski, Michael Scieszinski, Ruth Kolpack, Angela Clark, Mark Zelle, Darcie Zelle, Grace Spoden, Joey Spoden, Jack Spoden, Joe Brennan, David Riemer, Gray Riemer, Joey Nerad, Betsy Riemer, Lori Lowe, Thyme Heath-Lovell, Abby Platts, Barry Badertscher, Nick Lynch.

Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Fell moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information. Ms. Scieszinski spoke in support of the Sheriff and did not support any censure of him. The majority, if not all, the citizens present raised their hands in agreement of Ms. Scieszinski's statement. No one else spoke regarding this issue.

Mr. Smith informed the Committee, and those present, that with Ms. Baker Ellis retiring he has appointed Mr. Osborne as the Interim Child Support Director.

Ms. Baker Ellis thanked the Committee and the other member of the County Board for their years of support.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers None.

Review of Payments. The Committee accepted the reports.

Resolutions.

Accepting Additional High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Grant and Amending the Sheriff's Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2018 to approve and authorize the acceptance of \$2,500 of HIDTA grant funds and to authorize the Sheriff to sign the award documents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 2017 Sheriff’s budget be amended as follows:

...”

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

Recognizing Kris Baker Ellis – Child Support Director

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2018, does hereby recognize Kris Baker Ellis for her over 31 years of service and extends their best wishes in her future endeavors.”

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

Censuring the Sheriff of Rock County

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this ____ day of _____ 2018 does hereby censure Robert Spoden, Sheriff of Rock County for his conduct in this matter.”

Supervisor Fell moved approval of the above resolution, second by Chair Beaver.

Supervisor Fell said he did not approve of the politics of this and added that he will be voting no to the resolution.

Supervisor Knudson said he did not think it appropriate to censure the Sheriff.

Supervisors Brill and Beaver both agreed with Supervisors Fell and Knudson.

FAILED on the following vote: YES – none; NO – Supervisors Beaver, Brill, Fell and Knudson; ABSENT – Supervisor Owens.

Updates.

Request to Establish a Crime Prevention Board Mr. Smith said Brown County formed a committee in 2015 and implemented the surcharge in 2018, but the collection rate has only been about 40%.

Officer Sullivan said Brown County collected approximately \$4,000 in the five +/- months they collected the fee, which still helps. He added that other fees are collected to help the crime victims and these fees are collected before the crime prevention fee. Officer Sullivan said his contact from the State Crime Stoppers thought seven counties are collecting the crime prevention fee.

Request to Increase Statewide TAD Funding Mr. Smith handed out copies on the background of the Treatment alternatives and Diversion Program (TAD), a map of the Wisconsin counties receiving TAD funding, and what programs the counties have. He added that when a county applies for the funds they may not receive anything as it depends on the types of programs and how much is approved in the state budget.

Semi-Annual Reports. The Committee accepted the reports.

Year End 2017 Activity Report – Mediation and Family Court Services. The Committee accepted the report.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Brill moved adjournment at 5:43 P.M., second by Supervisor Fell. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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