

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**January 17, 2011**

**Call to Order.** Chair Collins called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on January 17, 2011 in Conference Room N-1 on the Fifth Floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Collins, Brill, Knudson and Wiedenfeld.

**Committee Members Excused:** Supervisor Beaver.

**Staff Members Present:** Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Dave Sleeter, 911 Communications Center Director; Diane Michaelis, Finance Office Manager, Sheriff's Office; Jenifer Keach, Coroner; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Director of Mediation and Family Court; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Shirley Connors, Emergency Management Coordinator; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director.

**Others Present:** J. Russell Podzilni, County Board Chair; Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette; James Keach, citizen.

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

**Adoption of Minutes.** Supervisor Brill moved approval of the minutes of January 3, 2011 as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information.** Ms. Keach read a statement in support of the wishes of the citizens of Rock County to go to a Medical Examiner. She added that she feels the most effective use of County funds would be to negotiate a contract with a neighboring county who has a forensic pathologist to perform autopsies and provide administrative oversight, and to retain the professional death investigation team the County already has.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers and Appropriations.**

**Sheriff's Office**

**FROM**

<b><u>Account #</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
00-0000-0001-46205	\$24,476.20
Compensation – Loss Fixed Assets	

**TO**

<b><u>Account #</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
21-2190-0000-67105	\$22,842.00
Motor Vehicles	
21-2100-0000-62410	1,634.20
R&M Vehicles	

**2010**

**Bills/Encumbrances.**

Sheriff	\$	25,031.96
Correctional Facility		11,767.71
Circuit Courts		572.25
911 Project Operation		245.00
District Attorney		1,469.68
Coroner		2,554.30
Child Support		1,011.86
2009 JAG Recovery Act		180.50
Sheriff's Vehicles		579.12

**2011**

**Bills/Encumbrances.**

Federal Withholding Tax Deduction	\$	-7.00
Sheriff		5,277.00
911 Project Operations		44.99
District Attorney		153.15
Deferred Prosecution/Domestic Violence		25.00
Coroner		162.00
Child Support		2,832.00

**Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.** None.

Supervisor Brill abstained voting on item P1001851, page 6 of the 2010 Bills. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above Consent Calendar for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Wiedenfeld. ADOPTED.

**Resolutions.**

**To Recognize Beverly Ruby**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 does hereby recognize Beverly Ruby for 37 years of service and extends best wishes to her in her future endeavors.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Beverly Ruby.”

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

**Abolishing the Office of the Coroner and Establishing a Medical Examiner System**

**“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 does hereby abolish the position of the coroner and establish a medical examiner system, effective January 2015.”

Supervisor Knudson said he has always wanted to make sure the people have a say and this issue has gone to referendum, the people have spoke and he is in support of the peoples vote to abolish the Office of Coroner and establish a Medical Examiner system. Supervisor Wiedenfeld said he supports the rationale on this – the people have spoke. Chair Collins said he feels the referendum should be treated as binding as the people have spoke and this is their wish.

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

### **Review and Possible Approval.**

#### **Public Safety Digital Radio Conversion Project Consultant**

Mr. Sleeter said this also relates to the next agenda item. The RFQ to see what we could find for a consultant service relating to radio engineering came back with three responses and all three came in over budget and he is recommending the Committee not approve at this time. He would like to see if they can work something out with the radio vendor and do the rest ourselves. He added that he met with Mr. Knutson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Kuglitsch and Mr. Terronez last week to see if we could go with our current radio vendor to have as much as possible retrofit to make the analog to digital. Our current radio vendor is Raytheon. We need to see what we need to do to meet the bidding process. We will be going off the State contract for the radio equipment. What we are talking about here is for a radio engineer and by not approving it at this time does not mean we cannot award it later.

Supervisor Brill moved to not approve the above request, second by Supervisor Knudson.  
NOT APPROVED.

**Countywide Communications Upgrade – Update.** Mr. Sleeter said the update was already given and that we are in stand by mode at this time.

**Review of Updated Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan.** Ms. Connors handed out copies of the updated Plan and said this will bring the County in compliance with State and Federal guidelines as we are required to do this update every five years. The updated Plan is also on the Emergency Management website. She said she will be writing a resolution to come before this Committee in two weeks for approval.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld asked if this encompasses all entities in Rock County with Ms. Connors replying that it does, but that it would also need to go to the municipalities for their approval.

**Semi-Annual Report.** The Committee accepted the semi-annual reports from 911 Communications Center, Coroner, Emergency Management, Mediation and Family Court, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney and Clerk of Courts.

### **Committee Requests and Motions.**

**Discussion on Department Tours.** Chair Collins asked the Department Heads if they would like the Committee to tour their facility. Mr. Sleeter requested a tour of the 911

Communications Center but that it would be better for them to have it when the weather was better as it is not as busy for his department at those times.

Chair Collins thanked Supervisor Wiedenfeld for standing in for him at the past weeks County Board meeting.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved adjournment at 4:25 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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