

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
February 15, 2010

Call to Order. Chair Collins called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on February 15, 2010 in Conference Room N-1 on the fifth floor of the Rock County Courthouse-East.

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

Committee Members Excused: None.

Staff Members Present: Dave Sleeter, 911 Communications Center Director; Commander Tom Gehl; Greg Westness, Correctional Officer, Sheriff's Office; Elizabeth Pohlman McQuillen, Criminal Justice System Planner/Analyst; Shirley Connors, Emergency Management Coordinator; Kris Baker Ellis, Child Support Director; Jenifer Keach, Coroner (4:10 P.M.).

Others Present: None.

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

Adoption of the Minutes. Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the minutes of February 1, 2010 as presented, second by Supervisor Beaver. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcements, Information. None.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations.

Sheriff's Office

FROM

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-2100-0000-63501	\$8,699
Gas & Other Fuel	

TO

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
21-2100-0000-63406	\$3,941
Clothing/Uniforms	
21-2100-0000-62122	2,251
Attorney Fees	
21-2100-0000-62420	1,727
Repair & Maint.	
21-2100-0000-63100	780
Office Supplies	

Bills/Encumbrances.

2009

Sheriff	\$ 2,177.05
Correctional Facility	4,020.65
Circuit Courts	102.50

911 Project Operations	2,907.96
Coroner	400.00
Child Support	177.73
2009 JAG Rec. Act.	4,045.00

2010

Sheriff	\$ 15,932.23
Correctional Facility	13,614.66
Mediation & Family Court Services	35.00
911 Project Operations	21,482.72
District Attorney	3,677.65
Coroner	10,554.52
Child Support	1,415.50
2009 JAG Rec. Act.	210.00
Drug Court Grant	4,550.00
911 Capital Project	8,824.01

Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.

Sheriff's Office

Elan Financial Services	\$ 1,300.00
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Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the above Consent Calendar for the Public Safety & Justice Committee, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Portable Scales for Sheriff's Office – Discussion Item. Commander Gehl informed the Committee the Sheriff's Office received a gift from the Wisconsin State Patrol of portable truck scales. He said the Sheriff's Office will be able to use these for truck enforcement throughout Rock County and that they are fairly maintenance free.

2009 Annual Jail Inspection Report. Commander Gehl said the inspection went well and there were only three areas of concern. 1) There is a requirement of detention strength beds for each occupant of a dormitory and we had to have individuals on mattresses on the floor at times. 2) A requirement that 15% of the jail's total number of cells for both males and females may not be used for double occupancy. Ours fluctuates with the daily population. 3) We are to have two fire inspections per year. The Janesville Fire Department had to cancel one of ours and we were not able to reschedule a second one in 2009.

Chair Collins asked if the renovation will help these problems, with Commander Gehl replying it will.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld voiced his concern that the Jail Inspector keeps referring to an inmate "sleeping on the floor" when in fact the inmate is sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

Countywide Communications Upgrade. Mr. Sleeter said the proposal went out to all municipalities and he has not heard from any of them that they are not interested. He said Mr. Boutwell has been working with Senator Kohl and Representative Baldwin to see if they would earmark funds for this project (Representative Ryan does not earmark). The City of Beloit and

City of Janesville have agreed to go thirds with us for a grant writer. We are waiting to see if we receive an earmark and, if so, if there is anything specified for a grant writer in the earmark.

Committee Requests and Motions. Supervisor Wiedenfeld asked Commander Gehl if uniforms no longer being used could go to Haiti for the Haitian Relief Effort? Commander Gehl said he would to see if there is an outlet there for used uniforms.

Chair Collins said he will be absent for the March 1st meeting and Vice Chair Knudson will run the meeting.

Adjournment. Supervisor Knudson moved adjournment at 4:30 P.M., second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Secretary II

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