

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
In person & via Zoom/Telephone

DATE: MARCH 4, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD MEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM
4311 JACKSON STREET, OSHKOSH

PRESENT: BRYAN STAFFORD
PAUL EISEN
BRIAN DEFFERDING
CONLEY HANSON
JACOB FLOAM

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
CHRISTOPHER BRAMAN – SHERIFF'S
DAVID MACK – SHERIFF'S
QIAUNA ROSS – SHERIFF'S
MITCH GRUBE – SHERIFF'S
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
CHERYL BREHMER – MEDICAL EXAMINER
PAUL KAISER – FINANCE
JULIE BATHELS – COUNTY CLERK
BRYAN KEBERLEIN – BRANCH 3
KAY HORAN – SUPERVISOR
AMANDA – CITIZEN
DOUG GIERYN – HEALTH DEPARTMENT

A. Call to Order

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

B. Approval of Minutes

1. February 5, 2024 Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2024, meeting was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Hanson. Carried 5-0.

C. Chair comments on meeting and agenda organization by Supervisor Stafford.

Chairman Stafford had nothing specific to speak to regarding the agenda other than everyone should have a copy of an amended agenda with added item #9 regarding Resolution 329-022024: Supporting a Restitution Court Program for Winnebago County. This item was sent to Judiciary from the Legislative Committee for approval.

D. Public comments within the jurisdiction of the committee.

None

E. Communications shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Defferding discussed his upcoming March 7th attendance at the Wisconsin Counties Association meeting. This will be his final meeting. Supervisor Defferding also spoke about an event taking place on March 13th called "We Heart You Recovery" and encouraged anyone to attend.

Supervisor Hanson discussed his attendance at the Boots vs Badges game this last Saturday.

Supervisor Eisen spoke about a public notice that was posted within the Oshkosh Northwestern from Feb 7th regarding EPCRA, which is what Emergency Management uses for planning offsite facility plans for buildings that contain hazardous materials.

F. Business Items

1. Consideration/Vote: Resolution: Approving a \$51,000 Budget Amendment for the Winnebago County Medical Examiner to Cover 2023 Expenses - Cheryl Brehmer

Medical Examiner Cheryl Brehmer spoke about the \$51,000 budget amendment to cover the 2023 expenses. The amendment is to cover the overages of charges in toxicology, pathology, and transportation for the Medical Examiner's Office. Cheryl stated the latest update regarding the new Evidence/Morgue Building is possible ground breaking in April with completion before the end of 2024. This will help offset expenses in the future.

A motion to approve a \$51,000 Budget Amendment for the Winnebago County Medical Examiner to cover 2023 expenses was made by Supervisor Defferding, seconded by Supervisor Floam. Carried 5-0.

2. Consideration/Vote: Review and recommend the Order of Business items in County Board Rule 6.1 follow past practice.

Chairman Stafford stated this item is on the agenda to discuss cleaning up the agenda to reflect the consent agenda flow of order of business going forward.

Mary Anne Mueller stated there is no resolution for the item therefore a vote could not take place, but the committee could still discuss the item.

Chairman Stafford suggested this go to the next board meeting for discussion.

3. Corporation Counsel Report

- **Office/Personnel Updates**

Mary Anne Mueller stated the new attorney has started approximately 2 weeks ago.

- **Case Updates**

Mary Anne Mueller stated the supreme court appeal is moving forward. They are responding to the questions being asked regarding a current court case. She also

stated they currently they have had 45 new mental health cases, 23 new guardianships, and 20 new CHIPS cases filed so far this year.

4. Consideration/Vote: Resolution - Authorize the use of \$120,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office Program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for an on-site liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the calendar year 2025

Supervisor Hanson stated the funds approved to this point for the STAR program was \$60,000 to be used in 2024, which was also subsidized with a grant. If the grant is not secured, he would like to ensure the money from the settlement fund is set aside to fund the site liaison for the STAR program for 2025.

Supervisor Eisen made a motion to postpone this item to the next Judiciary meeting. There was no second to the motion.

Mary Anne Mueller sent the committee members a memo regarding the opposition of moving this forward since there will be a new board for the 2025 budget session. This should be presented to the new board members to discuss for the 2025 budget.

Chairman Stafford agrees with the idea of this item but believes it should be left for the next board and committee to decide and discuss.

Discussion only. No vote.

5. Consideration/Vote: Resolution - Authorize the Sheriff's Office to Accept a Cash Donation of \$3,500 from the EAA AirVenture Runway 5K for specialty K9 Unit squad equipment.

Sheriff Matz was approached by the EAA AirVenture to accept a \$3,500 donation for the K9 Unit to utilize. The money was from the Runway 5K that was held last summer during EAA.

A motion to authorize the Sheriff's Office to Accept a Cash Donation of \$3,500 from the EAA AirVenture Runway 5K for specialty K9 Unit squad equipment was made by Chairman Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson. Carried 5-0.

6. Consideration/Vote: Resolution - Authorize the Winnebago County to apply for, accept, and expend funds of \$990,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats

Sheriff Matz discussed congressional funding with the United States Department of Justice, which will be voted on this week, to allow for \$990,000 to be used to purchase three Ice Rescue Airboats. This will cover the cost of all three of the ice boats.

A motion to authorize the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office to apply for, accept, and expend funds of \$990,000 from the United States Department of Justice for the purchase of three Ice Rescue Airboats was made by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Eisen. Carried 4-0. Supervisor Floam abstained from the vote.

7. Consideration/Vote: 2023 Year End Salary Contingency Budget Amendment - Veterans Services - \$24,723; Register of Deeds - \$11,795; District Attorney - \$17,612; Medical Examiner - \$13,937; Emergency Management - \$8,686; Sheriff's Office - \$465,899.

Finance Director Paul Kaiser explained the budget transfer is money left over from the 2023-year end salary contingency fund used for salary increases. \$1,645,997 will be divided up and go back to these departments for the adjustments in salary increases.

A motion to approve the 2023 Year End Salary Contingency Budget Amendment - Veterans Services - \$24,723; Register of Deeds - \$11,795; District Attorney - \$17,612; Medical Examiner - \$13,937; Emergency Management - \$8,686; Sheriff's Office - \$465,899 was made by Chairman Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson.
Carried 5-0.

8. Sheriff's Report

- **Budget Carry-Overs and Variances**

These were provided to the committee members. No questions or comments.

- **Office/Personnel Update**

2 vacancies in Dispatch

1 vacancy in Corrections

1 vacancy in Booking/Security Associate

The Sheriff's Office is assisting with the search of the missing 3-year-old in Two Rivers.

9. Resolution 329-022024: Supporting a Restitution Court Program for Winnebago County

Supervisor Defferding spoke about bordering counties to Winnebago County that have found discrepancies for restitution therefore Winnebago County took a resolution that was approved in Polk County on this issue and is looking to have it applied in Winnebago County. This is for criminal cases to make crime victims whole for financial losses they suffered as a result of criminal activity.

A motion was made to discuss supporting a Restitution Court Program for Winnebago County by Chairman Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson.

Chairman Stafford decided to pull this item from the agenda stating there was no substance to the resolution, and it lacks specificity.

G. Next Meeting Date: To be determined

H. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:12 pm by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Floam . Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office