

**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – December 15, 2014**

**Call to Order.** Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. on December 15, 2014 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; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Diane Michaelis, Finance Office Manager, Sheriff's Office; Rita Costrini-Norgal, Director of Mediation and Family Court Services; Louis Smit, Chief Deputy Coroner.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Russ Podzilni and Sandra Kraft; Barry Irmen, Director of Operations, Dane County Medical Examiner's Office; Tony Farrell Sr. and Jack Friess, Volunteer Rock County Deputy Coroners; John Zigler, Rock County Jet Ski; Cullen Slapak, Parks Director, City of Janesville; Frank Schultz, Janesville Gazette.

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

**Adoption of Minutes.** Supervisor Wiedenfeld moved approval of the minutes of December 1, 2014 as presented, second by Supervisor Brill. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information.** None.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers and Appropriations.**

**Sheriff's Office**

<b><u>FROM</u></b>		<b><u>TO</u></b>	
<b><u>Account #</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Account #</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
21-2100-0000-46205	\$2,071.11	21-2100-0000-62410	\$2,071.11
Comp Loss – Fixed Assets		Repair Maintenance Vehicles	
21-2100-0000-61920	7,000	21-2100-0000-64205	8,400
Physicals –LES		Staff Education LES	
21-2100-0000-67160	1,400		
Capital Assets \$500-\$4,999			

**Bills/Encumbrances - 2014**

Sheriff	\$ 5,973.28
RECAP Operations	17,200.35
Equitably Shared Funds	3,037.64
Correctional Facility	19,403.69
Circuit Courts	2,402.82
Clerk of Courts	1,175.04
911 Project Operations	769.30*
District Attorney	1,661.22

Coroner	4,560.46
Child Support	265.25

**Bills/Encumbrances - 2015**

Sheriff's Vehicles	\$ 252,665.00
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**Pre-Approved Encumbrance Amendments.**

**Child Support**

Vital Records	\$ 800.00
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Supervisor Brill said he will abstain from voting on the 2014 Bill for 911 Project Operations to account 23-2400-0000-62420 for \$225.00. Supervisor Fell 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.

**Request by Rock County Jet Ski for an Amendment to Chapter 3, Park 5 of the Rock County Code of Ordinances, Regarding Slow-No-Wake Restrictions on Rivers and Streams in Rock County.** Mr. Zigler, Rock County Jet Ski, explained that he was before the Committee to request a variance to the slow-no-wake during business hours in front of the boat landing in Traxler Park. He would like permission to run personal watercraft 50 feet from the boat landing, Monday through Friday, during business hours. He handed out a list of signatures of neighbors and letter of support from the Rock Aqua Jays Water Ski Club.

Mr. Slapak, City of Janesville Parks Director, stated his support for the request.

Mr. Kuglitsch said there is not a variance process in place for this ordinance, and an exemption would need to be asked for. In 2013 the ordinance was adopted with an exemption for permitted ski shows with permission from the Committee and Sheriff. He added that at this time a request such as Mr. Zigler's would not be allowed.

Supervisor Knudson asked if an amendment to the ordinance for permission on a case-by-case basis could be added. Mr. Kuglitsch said it could, but who would do the permitting.

Mr. Zigler said at this time he is the only legal business in town.

Supervisor Wiedenfeld said this is a very conspicuous area and was afraid it would create more problems with others wanting to put their watercraft in the water as well.

Mr. Zigler said the next closest place to test the vehicles is Lake Koshkonong and that would most likely turn into a half day project.

Chair Beaver asked if the exemption to the ordinance would be just for Mr. Zigler's business or would it be for anyone who would want to do testing after working on a personal watercraft, motor, etc.

Mr. Kuglitsch asked how the Committee would want it written. He added that others have been turned down who wanted to do tests after working on a motor, etc. He asked how they would limit it to just water ski repair.

Supervisor Brill suggested it be limited to businesses, for watercraft 11 feet or less, non-propeller, obtain applications from City of Janesville and the Sheriff's Office, only be allowed during

business hours, and not on weekends. The Committee was in agreement with this and asked Mr. Kuglitsch to draft an exemption to the ordinance.

### **Resolutions.**

#### **Recognizing detective Warren K. Yoerger**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, does hereby recognize Detective Warren K. Yoerger for his 27 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Detective Warren K. Yoerger along with best wishes for the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk be authorized and directed to furnish a copy of this resolution to Detective Warren K. Yoerger.”

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

#### **Pictometry Imagery Update for 911 Mapping**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 that a contract be awarded to Pictometry International Corporation, 100 Town Centre Drive, Suite A, Rochester, NY 14623 in the amount of \$128,293.50 with the County Board Chair herein authorized to execute this purchase agreement.”

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

#### **Text-To-911 Services**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 that a contract be awarded to Intrado, 1601 Dry Creek Dr., Longmont, Colorado in the amount of \$59,825 to implement Text-to-911 in Rock County with the County Board Chair herein authorized to execute this purchase agreement.”

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

Ms. Sukus said she is hoping by mid-year 2015 it should be ready.

#### **Authorizing Purchase of Vehicles per State of Wisconsin Contract for the Rock County Sheriff's Office**

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 that a Purchase Order be issued as follows:

\$222,498.00 to Ewald Automotive for 9 Dodge Chargers

\$44,652.00 to Ewald Automotive for 2 Dodge Grand Caravans  
\$29,115.00 to Ewald Automotive for 1 Ford Transit Cargo Van

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a payment be made to the vendor upon receipt and acceptance by the Rock County Sheriff.”

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

**Accepting the 2015 EPCRA Planning Grant and Approving the 2015 Local Emergency Planning Committee Budget**

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015 accepts the 2015 EPCRA Planning Grant award and approves the 2015 Local Emergency Planning Committee Budget as follows:

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

**Coroner/Medical Examiner’s Office Reports.**

**2013 Annual Report** Mr. Smit said he does not have the written report completed at this time.

**Status of Open Cases** Mr. Smit said they are working hard to get caught up and did not see any problem.

He thanked the Committee for their support and said he has enjoyed his time working here.

Chair Beaver thanked him for all he and the others in the Coroner’s Office have done.

Mr. Terronez said, regarding the caseload, as of December 11<sup>th</sup> there are 167 open cases with 97 to 100 of them backlogged. He said there is concern on the ones from 2013 and the 2014 cases prior to the normal closing time.

Mr. Smit said 70 of the cases were left from his predecessor and there are some issues with one or two deputies who are slower at closing cases. He said he did not feel there would be a problem in closing the cases.

**Safety Prevention Series Program** Mr. Farrell said in 2011 there were 32 suicide cases and that went down to 17 cases in 2013. He said they received 2,117 calls in 2013 and should have the numbers in January for the number of calls received in 2014. He told the Committee that he was informed that the number of calls will be doubling.

Mr. Farrell said the Remember Me program has collected over 3,000 stuffed animals since March 2011. He said this program is a network of everyone in the County working together.

Mr. Farrell said the suicide video has had over 4,000 views.

He thanked all in Rock County who have helped to keep the number of tragedies down. He thanked Mr. Smit on the relationship they have had over the past five years. He said he has had the pleasure of working with Mr. Irmen and feels this will be a very smooth transition and looks forward to working with Mr. Irmen and Mr. Terronez in the future.

**John Clinton Doe Investigation** Mr. Friess said he has only worked on the case for Rock County and volunteers his time. He said he has been working on the case since September 2013 and have not yet identified the remains.

Supervisors Brill and Wiedenfeld expressed their hope Mr. Friess is able to continue his work on this case. Mr. Terronez and Mr. Irmen said the priority is hiring staff for the Medical Examiner's Office; getting everyone up to speed; and that Mr. Friess work on the John Doe case will continue.

**Other 2014/2015 Activities** Mr. Terronez said they are working on the hiring process.

**Committee Requests and Motions.** Chair Beaver said the tour of the District Attorney's office will be at the end of the January 5, 2015 meeting.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Fell moved adjournment at 4:54 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen  
Confidential Administrative Assistant

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