



**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes – January 21, 2019**

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

**Committee Members Present:** Supervisors Beaver, Owens, Fell, Hawes and Knudson.

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez and Nick Osborne, Assistants to the County Administrator; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Commander Craig Strouse, Sheriff's Office; Bridget Laurent, Deputy Corporation Counsel; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; and Belem Regan, Mediation and Family Court Services Manager.

**Others Present:** County Board Chair Russ Podzilni; Tony Farrell, Sr.; Victoria Hammill, Mediation Intern; Barry Irmen, Medical Examiner Director of Operations; Brad Utter and Steven Motley, Global Security Systems.

**Adoption of Agenda.** Chair Beaver said item 6.C. will be removed from the agenda. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the agenda with this change, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

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

**Adoption of Minutes of January 7, 2019.** Supervisor Fell moved approval of the minutes of January 7, 2019 as presented, second by Supervisor Owens. ADOPTED.

**Consent Calendar.**

**Transfers** None.

**Updates and Committee Action.**

**Recap of 2018 Medical Examiner Activity.** Mr. Irmen said there were 177 autopsies conducted in 2018. They had estimated 145 in the Intergovernmental Agreement. This has caused a \$40,000 deficit. It is very hard to predict these numbers ahead of time. 2017 ended up being better than anticipated. Mr. Irmen explained the circumstances when an autopsy is ordered. He believes the increased numbers are an impact of the opiate epidemic in Rock County. Dane County has hired an additional doctor. They now have four doctors. The goal by the end of first quarter is to have 90% of cases closed within 60 days. There are currently 50 cases open in Rock County.

**Update on Safety Series-Public Input Session-February 27, 2019.** Mr. Farrell said the network will be holding an open forum on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 from 5:30 to 7 P.M in the Community Room at the Voigt Music Center. The purpose of the open forum is to gather input/ideas from citizens. The Safety Series programs are free of charge. Supervisor Knudson said he has attended one of the presentations and they are very worthwhile.

**Discussion of Contracted Courthouse Security – Level of Service.** Mr. Sutherland said they had asked for feedback at the last meeting on armed versus non-armed security at the Courthouse. Supervisor Fell was concerned with what type of firearms training the security employees have. Mr. Utter said they have the same training as Sheriff's office employees. The training is logged. 99% of Global Security operations is armed security. Mr. Utter explained the type of firearms and ammunition they use. They also carry non-lethal weapons. Mr. Utter has talked to Commander Strouse and they have pledged to work together. Their company is licensed, bonded and insured. Global Security wants to be a long term partner with Rock County.

**Committee Requests and Motions.** None.

**Adjournment.** Supervisor Fell moved adjournment at 4:22 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tracey VanZandt  
Human Resources Secretary

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