



PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – January 6, 2020

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, Knudson, Podzilni (Ex-officio Member) and Bomkamp (at 4:02 P.M.).

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors Fell and Owens.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Sheriff Troy Knudson, Chief Deputy Craig Strouse, Sheriff's Office; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Terri Carlson, Risk Manager; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Jonny Johnson, Circuit Courts.

Others Present: Tony Farrell Sr., Rock County Medical Examiner Office & Public Health Department, Outreach Coordinator; Ed Jones, Global Security.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications, Announcement, Information.

Rock County Public Safety Services – Public Input Mr. Farrell explained each year he holds an open forum on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help prevent tragedies and save lives. He said 2020 he will be celebrating 50 years of public service.

Supervisor Bomkamp arrived at 4:02 P.M.

Adoption of Minutes. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the minutes of December 2, 2019 as presented, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers None.

Review of Payments The Committee accepted the reports.

Resolutions and Committee Approval.

Accepting the 2020 EPCRA Planning Grant and Approving the 2021 Local Emergency Planning Committee Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020, accepts the 2020 EPCRA Planning Grant award and approves the 2020 Local Emergency Planning Committee Budget as follows:

...”

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

Amending the 2019 Level B Hazmat Team Budget

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020, that the Sheriff’s Office budget for 2019 be amended as follows:

...”

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

Authorizing Double Fill of Financial Office Manager Position

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2019, does hereby authorize the temporary double fill of the Financial Office Manager position.”

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

Authorizing Purchase of Ford Transit Cargo Van

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 that a Purchase Order be issued to Ewald Hartford Ford, LLC, totaling the amount of \$32,012.50, for the purchase of one 2020 Ford Transit Cargo Van.”

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

Establishing an Advisory Committee to Study the Effects of an Electromagnetic Pulse on Rock County and its Infrastructure

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 does establish the ad hoc Advisory Committee to Study the Effects on an Electromagnetic Pulse on County Infrastructure in order to study and make policy recommendations concerning the effects of an electromagnetic pulse on infrastructure in Rock County, including, but not limited to, 911 and related emergency response and dispatch systems, IT systems, and operational continuity including the estimated costs of such effects and policy recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such committee shall be composed of nine people, two of whom shall be selected from the members of the Rock County Board of Supervisors and seven of whom shall be selected from personnel and departments that may be most affected by such an event, including, but not limited to, the Rock County 911 Center, the Rock County Sheriff’s Office and other law enforcement agencies, Rock-IT, Municipal Fire and EMS agencies, risk management, and local municipal administration.”

Chair Beaver explained that this is Supervisor Owens’ resolution, he will not be back until February, and he should be present to discuss the resolution.

Supervisor Knudson moved to table the resolution until February, second by Supervisor Podzilni. TABLED until a February meeting.

Approve Preventative Maintenance Program – Weather Alert Siren System

Supervisor Knudson moved approval to contract with Bandt Communications for a three-year preventative maintenance program – weather alert siren system in the amount of \$10,516.50, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Approve Equipment Installation in Sheriff’s Vehicles Supervisor Knudson moved approval for equipment installation in the Sheriff’s vehicles to Bandt Communications in the amount of \$2,125 per vehicle, second by Supervisor Podzilni. ADOPTED.

Update, Discussion and Possible Action.

Courthouse Security – Armed Security – Sheriff Deputy Staffing Sheriff Knudson said he would welcome any further comments from the Committee. He said the easiest way to handle this would be to hire two new deputies, but there may be issues with the union if we hire as part-time. He said some of our retirees have shown interest in the positions if they are part-time. Sheriff Knudson said that the first year will be more expensive as there will be expenses for vests, weapons, etc.

Chair Beaver asked about coverage for any breaks that may be needed. Chief Deputy Strouse said there would be dual coverage 30% of the time, and with the new cameras this is also a place to congregate for Sheriff’s Deputies.

Mr. Jones, Global Security, said he is a screener at the west entrance on first floor since April 2019. He said he is speaking on his own behalf and, by no means, was not speaking against the Sheriff's Office as he feels they have a very good relationship with the Sheriff's Office. He said, as far as training goes, he is a former reserve officer for the City of Beloit Police Department, and had worked for the Green County Sheriff's Department. His firearms license is the same as the police academy and he does 8 hours of firearms training each year. He cannot do arrests, detainment of people, or transportation of people. He said they (Global Security) take what they do very seriously and have contracts with the Federal Government and other courthouses throughout the country. He said he is fine with arming the security personnel at the screening station and mentioned that the Brinks person who comes to the courthouse is armed but does not have the training they have. Mr. Jones said the surveys came back with 472 employees wished for contracted armed security at the screening stations.

Chair Beaver asked if they had trained with the Rock County Sheriff's Office. Mr. Jones said they had not. He added that it would be beneficial to train with them so they are all on the same page.

Chair Beaver asked if the resolution would be ready for the February 3rd meeting. Sheriff Knudson and Chief Deputy Strouse said it would.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Knudson moved adjournment at 4:36 P.M., second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
Office Coordinator

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