



**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – May 4, 2020**

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 4:00 P.M. via a teleconference.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Knudson and Bomkamp.

Committee Members Absent: There are 2 vacant positions.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Kathy Sukus, 911 Communications Center Director; Captain Jay Wood, Sheriff's Office; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Marie-Noel Sandoval, Public Health Officer; Richard Greenlee, Corporation Counsel.

Others Present: Supervisors Mawhinney, Peer, Podzilni, and Purviance; Connie Winter, Board of Health member.

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

Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2020. Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the minutes of March 2, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers and Appropriations

Sheriff's Office

FROM

Account #

21-2195-0019-63904

Policing/1st Aid Supplies-LES

Amount

\$ 8,000

TO

Account #

21-2195-0019-67120

Cap Assets \$2,000 - \$25,000

Amount

\$ 8,000

Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above Transfer for the Sheriff's Office, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Review of Payments The Committee accepted the reports.

Resolutions and Committee Approval.

Encouraging the Rock County Public Health Department to Share the Address of All Positive COVID-19 Tests with Local Government Agencies

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby resolve that it is the wishes of the Board of Supervisors that the Rock County Public Health Officer release the addresses of all positive COVID-19 test results to government agencies in Rock County that makes such a request.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Public Health Officer continues to refuse to share this information with local government agencies, then the Rock County Board of Supervisors recommends that the County Administrator release the Public Health Officer from her duties.”

Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the above resolution, second by Chair Beaver.

Supervisor Bomkamp shared his feelings on why the sharing of information is important to first responders.

Supervisor Knudson asked for Corporation Counsel’s opinion. Mr. Greenlee said, if this resolution would be adopted, it would only be in an advisory capacity.

Discussion on why distancing is needed; don’t always know who has it and who does not have it; responsibility of the Public Health Officer; Public Health Nurses investigating and tracking communicable diseases; information HIPPA allows to be shared; 911 dispatchers share information if someone is dispatched to the scene where cases are present; the need to have the trust of people with COVID-19 in order to obtain information for tracking purposes; up to 50% of people with COVID-19 do not have symptoms; need to use universal precautions, wear your PPE, and practice social distancing; first responders, law enforcement, fire fighters, etc. should treat each situation they walk into as if COVID-19 is present; and everyone needs to work together, to stay strong, and we will get through this.

FAILED on the following vote: YES – Supervisor Bomkamp; NO – Supervisors Beaver and Knudson; and 2 vacancies.

Proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this ____ day of _____, 2020 does hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2020 as Emergency Medical Services Week and expresses its appreciation for the life-saving work of these professionals in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to each EMS agency within Rock County.”

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

Request to Purchase – Prisoner Transit Van Insert Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval to purchase an insert for the new 2020 Ford Transit Van in the amount of \$19,995, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Information, Discussion and Possible Action.

2020 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies

Chair Beaver said she had this item put back on the agenda because of questions at the County Board meeting and the answers were not known at that time. She said the grant is for 25 body-worn cameras, and there is storage for them.

Committee Requests and Motions. None.

Adjournment. Supervisor Bomkamp moved adjournment at 5:04 P.M., second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Bondehagen
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