



**PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COMMITTEE
Minutes – January 4, 2021**

Call to Order. Chair Beaver called the meeting of the Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 5:00 P.M. via teleconference.

Committee Members Present via Phone/Video: Supervisors Beaver, Knudson, Bomkamp, Taylor and Rynes.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present via Phone/Video: Randy Terronez, Assistant to the County Administrator; Kathy Sukus., 911 Communications Center; David O’Leary, District Attorney; Sheriff Troy Knudson; Capt. Curt Fell, Sheriff’s Office; Brent Sutherland, Facilities Management Director; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Services Director; and Terri Carlson, Risk Manager.

Others Present. John Sabinash, Venture Architects.

Adoption of Agenda. Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the agenda, second by Supervisor Taylor. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes – December 7, 2020. Supervisor Taylor moved approval of the minutes of December 7, 2020 as presented, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Public Comment. Sheriff Knudson briefly updated the Committee on the inmate COVID status. Sheriff Knudson also gave an update on the Hazmat contract which was renewed for a one-year period. For future years, the Sheriff’s Office is working with the City of Janesville on contract updates, e.g., reporting requirements, etc.

Consent Calendar.

Transfers

911 Communications Center

FROM

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23-2400-0000-64200	\$5,800
Training	

TO

<u>Account#</u>	<u>Amount</u>
23-2400-0000-62119	\$5,800
Other Contracted Services	

Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the above Transfer for the Communications Center, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Review of Payments The Committee accepted the reports.

Report – Sheriff’s Office Needs Study Conducted in 2020

Brent Sutherland introduced John Sabinash of Venture Architects to review the report’s highlights. Brent noted that the study links back to the County’s Master Plan that identified the need for replacement of the Pinehurst structure/functions.

Mr. Sabinash reviewed highlights of the report that was contained in the agenda packet. He noted that he would be presenting the report to tomorrow’s General Services Committee and the January 14 County Board meeting.

The project identifies the needs of law enforcement services and jail services. The Pinehurst building consists of 5 floors (basement, 1 floor for Sheriff’s administrative functions, 2 floors for inmate housing and 1 floor used for HVAC equipment). The building was constructed in 1929 with the inmate housing area designed in the obsolete linear configuration.

A timeline was outlined that provides the county with major decision points of the project. Discussion given on phasing in order to alleviate cost impact.

Staff will be developing further refinements, include item prioritization and report back to the Committee at a later date.

Resolutions and Committee Approval.

Recognizing Deputy Sheriff Bryan S. Hanthorn

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021, does hereby recognize Deputy Bryan S. Hanthorn for his over 30 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Bryan S. Hanthorn along with best wishes for the future.”

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

Authorization to Purchase a Skytron UVC Disinfecting Robot

“**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____ 2020, does hereby authorize the purchase, using General Funds, for a Skytron UVC Disinfecting Robot, for use throughout the Correctional Facility, to protect the inmate population, as well as Sheriff’s Office staff.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sheriff’s Office’s budget for 2020 be amended as follows:

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Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor

Taylor. ADOPTED.

Support of Increased County Child Support Funding

“**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2021 respectfully requests that state funding for county child support agencies be increased by \$4 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2021-23 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$7.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Rock County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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

Review, Discussion and Possible Action.

Set Meeting Time and Dates The Committee discussed and voted unanimously to set the next meeting for 5:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 20, 2021. (Also see discussion under Committee Requests).

Committee Requests and Motions. Sup. Brian Knudson suggested scheduling a tour of the jail and it was agreed that the next committee meeting will include this item.

Adjournment. Supervisor Bomkamp moved adjournment at 5:45 P.M., second by Supervisor Rynes. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Terronez
Assistant to the County Administrator

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