



Minutes - May 2, 2022

Call to Order: Chair Beaver called the Public Safety & Justice Committee to order at 5:00 P.M. in conference room N1/N2 in the Courthouse.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Beaver, Knudson, Zoril, Bomkamp, and Whitledge.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Sheriff Knudson; Kathy Sukus, Communications Center Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Josh Smith, County Administrator.

Others Present: None.

Approve Agenda: Chair Beaver asked the committee attendees to introduce themselves. Those in the room introduced themselves.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: No public comment submitted.

Sheriff Knudson invited the committee to tour the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Knudson let the committee know that on May 23 at 5:00 P.M., the Towns are going to tour the Sheriff's Department, and Supervisors are invited to attend.

Approval of Minutes:

April 18, 2022 Minutes: Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval of the April 18, 2022 minutes, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: Committee members reviewed payments. Supervisor Zoril requested backup information for the Bank Charges, a budget-actual and prior year comparison report. Staff responded that they would be able to provide for next month's cycle of the review of payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Proclaiming Emergency Medical Services Week : "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2022 does hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2022 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 Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Whitledge.

Chair Beaver thanked the EMS workers in the County for the work that they do.

ADOPTED.

Authorizing Three Additional Deputy Sheriff Positions Through April 2024: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2022, does hereby authorize the temporary hiring of three additional Deputy Sheriff positions not to exceed twenty-four months.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2022 Rock County budget be amended as follows:

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

Sheriff Knudson explained that Chief Deputy Strouse has been analyzing employee numbers. He is expecting an employee shortage by next April. It takes 33 weeks to get a position replaced. If these positions are not replaced, there is a potential overtime cost.

ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Request to Purchase Ammunition-Sheriff's Office: Supervisor Bomkamp moved to approve the request to purchase ammunition, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

Request to Purchase a Replacement Vehicle- Sheriff's Office: Supervisor Bomkamp moved to approve the purchase of a replacement vehicle, second by Supervisor Knudson.

Sheriff Knudson explained that the vehicle was totaled. The deputy involved was OK. The County's insurance will reimburse nearly all the replacement cost.

ADOPTED.

Setting the meeting day and time: Supervisors Knudson, Whitledge, and Bomkamp are content with the current meeting time.

Supervisor Zoril asked that the meeting be moved later.

Supervisor Knudson motioned to keep the meetings as is, second by Supervisor Bomkamp.
ADOPTED.

Election of Vice Chair: Supervisor Bomkamp nominated Supervisor Knudson. Supervisor Zoril nominated Supervisor Whitledge. The committee casted secret ballots. Supervisor Knudson was appointed Vice Chair.

Committee Requests and Motions: Supervisor Whitledge inquired whether the Sheriff's Award Ceremony was open to the public. It is.

Supervisor Bomkamp advocated for offering these meetings in a hybrid format and meeting quarterly in-person. Chair Beaver liked these ideas.

Supervisor Bomkamp gave the new committee members advice on how to handle employee grievances. He advocated for following the chain of command.

Supervisor Zoril asked for an organizational chart.

Next meeting date and time: May 16 at 5:00 P.M. hybrid

Adjournment: Supervisor Knudson moved to adjourn at 5:55 P.M., second by Supervisor Bomkamp.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Hoffman
Office Coordinator

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