



Minutes - June 5, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Beaver called the Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. in Conference Room N1/N2.

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

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Fredd Carr, Interim Communications Center Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Chief Deputy Maurer; Sergeant Kohler; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director.

Others Present: None.

Approve Agenda: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Zoril. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Zoril stated that he had a constituent express concerns over two potential overdoses in the jail.

Approval of Minutes:

May 15, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the May 15, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Bomkamp. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers:

911 Communications Transfer Requests: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the two transfers for the 911 Communications Center, second by Supervisor Bomkamp.

ROCK COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS

- 911

FROM	Amount	TO	Amount
Account #		Account #	
Source of Funds	\$7,000	Use of Funds	\$7,000

23-2400-0000-61100
Regular Wages
Current Balance:
\$1,831,452

23-2400-0000-63108
Public Information

Source of Funds \$57,000
23-2400-0000-61100
Regular Wages
Current Balance:
\$1,831,452

Use of Funds \$57,000
23-2400-0000-67120
Capital Assets < \$25,000

Josh Smith answered questions about vacancy factor calculations.

ADOPTED.

Review of Payments: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Correctional Officer Jacqueline K. Gerber: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Jackie K. Gerber for her over 34 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Jackie K. Gerber along with best wishes for the future."

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

Resolution to Recognize the Need for Additional Funding for Rock County Emergency Medical Services, so that Vital EMS Services Can Be Maintained: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Rock County Board of Supervisors officially recognizes the current dilemma faced by Fire and EMS agencies in Rock County and will seek input and solutions from the Rock County EMS Advisory Board and local fire chiefs to mitigate identified issues including up to providing future funding mechanisms to Fire and EMS agencies in need."

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

Supervisor Bomkamp moved to table this resolution until the August 7 meeting, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Discussion of Emergency Management Transition from Sheriff's Office to Administration: Josh explained that the Sheriff is requesting Emergency Management be transitioned out of the Sheriff's Office to Administration. He provided background on previous departmental placement. Jude

explained that this position is currently filled by a sergeant and training them to do emergency management is very time-consuming. Being able to sustain one person in this position is difficult. Shena explained that COVID exposed some complications in her role as a sergeant and as the Emergency Management Manager. Staff answered questions regarding filling this position with a civilian, and explained the benefits of this kind of structure. They explained current chain of command issues. Supervisor Zoril advocated keeping emergency management under the Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Bomkamp advocated moving the position to Administration and recruiting a civilian to open up the position to many qualified candidates. The Public Safety & Justice Committee directed staff to bring forward information on adding an Emergency Management Director to the Administrator's Office.

Next meeting date and time:

Discussion of Future Meeting Dates: The committee discussed future meeting dates and times due to current conflicts with the County Board Staff Committee meeting times. Supervisor Zoril advocated for keeping the meeting after the County Board Staff Committee meeting. This will be discussed at future meetings.

The next meeting will be June 19 at 5:30 P.M. in a hybrid format.

Adjournment: Supervisor Bomkamp moved to adjourn at 7:04 P.M., second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Office Coordinator

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