



## **Minutes - August 8, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Chair Beaver called the hybrid Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting to order at 5:15 P.M. in Conference Room N1/N2.

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

**Committee Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Members Present:** Katrina Harwood, Health Officer; Belem Regan, Mediation & Family Court Services Manager; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Shari Faber, Public Health Strategist; Faith Quinlan, 911 Administrative Secretary; Sheriff Fell; David O'Leary, District Attorney; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Josh Smith, County Administrator; Kate Luster, Human Services Director; Dr. Rogalska, Medical Examiner; Cristina Figueroa Soto, Director of Operations.

**Others Present:** Supervisors Mawhinney, Pennycook, Peer; Carlos; Sheila Williams; Sally Horton.

**Approve Agenda:** Supervisor Knudson moved to approve the agenda as presented, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

**July 11, 2023 Minutes:** Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the July 11, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

**Consent Calendar:**

**Approval of Transfers:** None.

**Review of Payments:** The committee reviewed the payments.

**Review and Approval of Resolutions:**

**Recognizing Correctional Officer Stephen A. Kreuter:** "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, does hereby recognize Correctional Officer Stephen A. Kreuter for his over 16 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Correctional Officer Stephen A.

Kreuter along with best wishes for the future."

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

**Adopting an Implementation Plan for Use of Opioid Settlement Funds:** "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 does hereby adopt the Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update and Implementation Plan as the County's strategy for the use of settlement funds to address the harms of the opioid epidemic in Rock County."

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

Katrina Harwood explained that this is a follow-up from the recommendations report previously presented to the committee and the County Board. The County workgroup developed strategies and a budget to implement the plan. Katrina discussed the strategies highlighted in the implementation plan. Supervisor Peer expressed support for this plan and informed the committee that it was passed unanimously by the Board of Health.

Katrina answered questions about sober living, longevity, and disbursement of payments. Katrina informed the committee that discussions with other nearby counties had been had to discuss regional uses.

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 Knudson.

Supervisor Bomkamp informed the committee that he brought this forward on behalf of the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee. This is to get general feelings from the County Board on this issue. The committee discussed staffing issues and potential implications of this resolution.

ADOPTED.

**Resolution Advancing Public Safety by Supporting Our Anti-Human Trafficking Heroes:** "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that \$3,000 is allocated from Prior Year Sales to cover the cost of the conference attendance for the six members of the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and amends the 2023 budget as follows:

..."

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

Supervisor Zoril spoke to this resolution. He explained that these funds are currently unallocated. Supervisor Zoril stated that he received communications from the taskforce that they want the funds. He read an email received from Carrie Wyatt.

Supervisor Zoril moved to add "BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors formally invites the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Taskforce to provide an educational report at a future meeting to inform the board and the public on their activities and other relevant information," second by Supervisor Whitledge.

Vote on amendment - ADOPTED.

Vote on original motion - ADOPTED.

### **Review, Discussion and Possible Action:**

**Semi-Annual Reports of Training, Conferences and Conventions Exceeding \$1,000 per Employee per Event:** The committee reviewed the reports.

### **Court Commissioners :**

### **District Attorney's Office:**

### **Communications:**

### **Sheriff's Office:**

### **Child Support Services :**

**Update on Medical Examiner's Department 2023 Activities and Budget:** Dr. Rogalska and Cristina Figueroa Soto provided an update on 2023 activities and budget. They have performed 120 exams, signed death 73 certificates, and have 54 pending death certificates, 9 donations for this year, and 725 cremation permits. A new physician, Dr. Natalie Taylor, started on Monday. They also hired a new administrative assistant who comes with a lot of experience. Interviews for lead Medical Lead Investigator (MLI) are coming up. The ME's Office hired two pool MLIs that are at the end of their training right now. Third pool MLI to be starting at the end of the month. Supervisor Bomkamp asked if a representative from the ME's office could come to the Traffic Safety Commission.

**Next meeting date and time:** September 12 at 5:15 P.M. hybrid

**Adjournment:** Supervisor Zoril moved to adjourn at 6:08 P.M., second by Supervisor Whitledge.

Respectfully submitted,

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