



Minutes - December 12, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Beaver called the hybrid meeting of the Public Safety & Justice Committee to order at 5:16 P.M. in the Courthouse Conference Center.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Knudson.

Staff Members Present: Josh Smith, County Administrator; Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; David O'Leary, District Attorney; Tammy Kettleson, Emergency Management Deputy Director; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Captain Jacobson.

Others Present: Supervisor Mawhinney.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Josh Smith apologized for an error on the previous agenda where an item was not included.

Approval of Minutes:

November 14, 2023 Minutes: Supervisor Whitledge moved approval of the November 14, 2023 minutes, second by Supervisor Zoril. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: The committee reviewed the payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Jenna Winiarski for Service to the County: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Jenna Winiarski for her years of service to Rock County."

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

Recognizing Zachary A. Raby: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby recognize Deputy Zachary A. Raby for his over 15 years of faithful service and recommends that a sincere expression of appreciation be given to Deputy Zachary A. Raby along with best wishes for the future."

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

Authorizing Acceptance of the 2024 Highway Safety Grant and Amending the Sheriff's Office 2023 Budget: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, that the Rock County Sheriff is authorized to accept funds under the Highway Safety Grant and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2023 budget be amended as follows:

..."

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

Supervisor Zoril inquired how the 2023 grant funds were spent. Staff explained how the grant is managed and tracked by the Sheriff's Department.

The committee asked for information on how grant funds are spent be emailed to them.

ADOPTED.

Authorizing Contract for Pretrial and Criminogenic Risk Assessment and Monitoring Services: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this _____ day of _____, 2023, does hereby approve a contract be entered into with Justice Point to provide Pretrial and Criminogenic Risk Assessment and Monitoring Services in an amount not to exceed \$617,270 plus a per use cost for electronic monitoring devices and screening/assessment materials in 2024 that was included in the 2024 budget for this purpose."

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

Josh explained that there is a clause in the multi-year contract that this is conditional on Board approval.

ADOPTED.

Amend Ordinance 3.702 Regarding Possession of Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking

Devices by Children Prohibited: "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Rock County Board of Supervisors that Ordinance 3.702 be amended as follows:

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

Supervisor Zoril stated that it sounds like a more effective ordinance would prevent the sale instead of the possession.

Supervisor Zoril moved to table until February 27, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Allocating \$1,500,000 in ARPA Funds for Building a Homeless Shelter for Victims of Human Trafficking, Enhancing Public Safety, and Ensuring Long-Term Sustainability: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this day of ,20 hereby authorizes the allocation of \$1,500,000 of American Rescue Plan Act funds for the construction and other related start-up expenses of a specialized homeless shelter for victims of human trafficking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors directs the Human Services Department to oversee the project, ensuring that the shelter meets the specific needs of human trafficking victims and operates in coordination with the Rock County Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and the Rock County Sheriff's Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services Department is directed to identify and collaborate with a qualified third-party organization to operate and manage the specialized homeless shelter for victims of human trafficking, thereby ensuring that Rock County will not be directly operating the shelter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Human Services Department is directed to research long term funding options, apply for grants, and investigate the possibility of setting aside a portion of the \$1.5 million to purchase an annuity, only if legally permissible after proper research is conducted, to help offset ongoing expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a plaque and a photograph will be placed at the entrance of the completed shelter to honor the Rock County Supervisors who made this initiative possible by voting in favor of this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors recognizes, acknowledges, and reaffirms that it is the policy of Rock County to combat Human Trafficking, enhance public safety, and directs that its Agencies, Departments, and Employees fully leverage their authority and resources to combat human trafficking and its secondary effects."

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

Supervisor Zoril reminded the committee of the original resolution presented to the committee and funds that have already been allocated to this cause.

(Supervisor Bomkamp joined the meeting at 5:31 P.M.)

Supervisor Zoril moved to substitute and bring back the original version of the resolution that was considered at the September 26, 2023 meeting and replacing Supervisors Mawhinney and Beaver's names in the initiated by line and adding in Supervisor Zoril's name, second by Supervisor Whitledge.

YES - Supervisors Zoril, Whitledge, and Beaver.

NO - Supervisor Bomkamp.

ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Approval for the Emergency Management Director to Use the Assigned Emergency Management Vehicle as a Take-Home Vehicle to Ensure a Timelier Response to Incidents and Disasters: Supervisor Bomkamp moved approval for the Emergency Management Director to use the assigned Emergency Management vehicle as a take-home vehicle, second by Supervisor Whitledge.

Kevin answered questions about the make, model, and criteria for use of the vehicle.

ADOPTED.

Emergency Management Program Transition Update and Discussion: Kevin provided an update. He introduced Tammy Kettleson as the new Deputy Director. Kevin provided updates on the status of the transition out of the Sheriff's Department oversight, interdepartmental outreach, and outreach to local agencies.

Child Support Performance: Melissa Wittwer provided an update on child support performance.

Next meeting date and time: January 9 at 5:15 P.M.

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moved to adjourn at 5:48 P.M., second by Supervisor Zoril.

ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Thompson
Executive Assistant

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