



Minutes - February 11, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Tillman called the hybrid Public Safety and Justice Committee to order at 5:16 pm in Conference Room N1/N2.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Tillman, Whitledge, Schwarz, Rashkin, and Knudson.

Committee Members Absent: None.

Staff Members Present: Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Katrina Harwood, Public Health; Shari Faber, Public Health Strategist; Commander Aaron Burdick; Captain Joshua Lund; Deputy Sheriff Michael Stalker; Belem Regan, Mediation & Family Court Director; Jason Sanders, District Attorney; Fred Carr, 911 Communications Director; Andrea Wolf, Administrative Professional III.

Others Present: None.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Rashkin requested an update from the Sheriff to be added to the agenda. Supervisor Tillman informed the committee that it is already added to the agenda for the 20th.

Approval of Minutes:

January 28, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved to approve the January 28, 2025, minutes, second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: None.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Jason Laufenberg: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Schwarz. ADOPTED.

Accepting the 2025-2026 Children First Program Grant: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Rashkin.

Melissa Wittwer spoke about the grant providing employment-related case management for parents who are unemployed, irregularly employed, underemployed etc. that are court-ordered into the program. Melissa is hoping to partner with Wisconsin Works, transitional jobs, possibly Blackhawk Tech to help overcome barriers that might prevent them from becoming employed.

ADOPTED.

Adopting the Rock County Opioid Settlement Funds Update & Implementation Plan and Amending the 2025 Budget: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Schwarz.

Katrina explained Sherry Faber took the lead on facilitating the workgroup made up of representatives from Sheriff's department, Administration, Human Services, and Public Health to develop the updated implementation plan. Katrina thanked Supervisors Tillman and Knudson for sponsoring the resolution. Supervisor Schwarz questioned if there was enough funding for transportation. Katrina noted that transportation is a known barrier, and they have a pilot program to help in developing a solution for transportation. While bussing is a good option, it doesn't work for all.

ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Semi-Annual Conferences Report to Committee:

Child Support Services: The committee reviewed the attached report.

Medical Examiner: The committee reviewed the attached report.

Clerk of Court: The committee reviewed the attached report.

Circuit Court: The committee reviewed the attached report.

Dane County Medical Examiner Intergovernmental Agreement Renewal: Supervisor Schwarz moved to approve Dane County Medical Examiner intergovernmental agreement renewal, second by Supervisor Knudson.

Randy explained Rock County is in a unique relationship with Dane County regarding Medical Examiner services, where the clinical side is contracted with Dane County and has Rock County staff out in the field with the supervision of Dane County. Randy noted the current contract expires at the end of 2025, and he would like to get a head start and is proposing another 5-year renewal, subject to

feedback from stakeholders. Supervisor Schwarz suggested if there is push back, he would recommend going back to a 2-year contract.

ADOPTED.

Next meeting date and time: February 25, 2025 at 5:15 PM.

Adjournment: Supervisor Knudson moved adjournment at 5:28 PM, second by Supervisor Schwarz.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Wolf
Administrative Professional III

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