



Minutes - April 8, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Tillman called the hybrid Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting to order at 5:15pm in Conference Room N1/N2.

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

Staff Members Present: Dr. Rogalska, Medical Examiners Office; Jenny Stanek, DA Office; Jason Sanders, District Attorney; Amanda Nelson, Clerk of Court; John Light, County Administrator; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Sheriff Fell; Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Jane Golberg, Rock County Public Health.

Others Present: Bill Flanagan, Shela Williams, Cian Hardkey, Cooper

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: None

Approval of Minutes:

March 27, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved approval of March 27, 2025 minutes, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None

Review of Payments: The Committee review the payments. Review of RCSO vehicle involved in accident cost. Reviewed Covid swab testing fees. Medical examiners office still have to wear special protective equipment if covid positive. Renewal of Cradle Point reviewed, this allows RCSO to connect to WIFI in squad car. Siren 37 replacement reviewed.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Deleting 1.0 FTE Administrative Professional II Position and 1.0 FTE Deputy Clerk of Court Position to Create 1.0 FTE Deputy Clerk of Court-Lead Position: Clerk of Court Amanda Nelson spoke about Moving to have a Clerk of Court Lead Position. This will remove Administrative

Professional II and Deputy Clerk positions from the budget. The committee asked to have an updated work chart.

Supervisor Knudson moves for approval of Deputy Clerk of Court Lead Position, second by Schwarz. APPROVED

Amending the 2025 Emergency Management Budget to Accept Homeland Security Exercise

Grant Funds: Supervisor Whitledge moved to approve the Amendment of 2025 Emergency Management Budget to accept Homeland Security Exercise Grant Funds, second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED.

Creating the Crime Prevention Funding Board and Surcharge: Supervisor Knudson moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Rashkin.

District Attorney Jason Sanders addressed the Committee about the new surcharge of \$20.00 being added to a conviction plus court costs. The surcharge can be waived for anyone that files the proper indigency paperwork. The fee would be collected by the Clerk of Courts and applied to use for Crime Stoppers, after-school programs, Head Start Programs and investing in the future. These funds are 0% funded by taxpayers. The money goes into the fund after it is collected and will not be disbursed until 2026. It is important to have separate committees because the program is designed for all people that touch the community and legal system. The statute does not allow this to be added to another committee. The statute also specifies two separate annual reports. Grant recipients also have to report. Forms will be drawn up using Brown County for example.

Line 77 to amend to Rock County moved by Supervisor Schwarz, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

ADOPTED by voice vote. One nay vote noted from Supervisor Schwarz.

Accepting the STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women

Formula Grant Funds: Accepting the STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Funds is moved by Supervisor Knudson, second by Supervisor Rashkin. ADOPTED

***Creating 3.221 of the Rock County Ordinances (Crime Prevention Funding Board Surcharge):**

Creating 3.221 of the Rock County Ordinances (Crime Prevention Funding Board Surcharge) moved by Supervisor Knudson, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED by voice vote. One nay vote noted from Supervisor Schwarz.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Forums on Rock-Dane Medical Examiner Intergovernmental Agreement

: May 1 and May 12, 2025 at DWRC, there will be a meeting to discuss the status of various stakeholders' opinions of Dane County continuing to help with investigations of death scenes. There will be a proposal for a multi-year agreement.

Sheriff's Report: The Committee asks for totals and a comparison of prior year. ICE updates will be added. RCSO may house federal inmates. They will not house ICE inmates.

Approval to Contract with Federal Signal Corporation and Emergency Communication Systems to Install a New Outdoor Warning Siren in Rock River Heritage Park

: Kevin Sernet, Emergency Management Director, addressed the committee about having 40 sirens. When one goes off, they all go off. 13 out of 40 still work when the power is out. Heritage Park is a recreational park that is highly populated. Therefore, it is an important place to have a siren installed.

Supervisor Whitledge moved to approve the Contract with Federal Signal Corporation and Emergency Communications Systems to Install a New Outdoor Warning Siren in Rock River Heritage Park, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED

Next meeting date and time: April 22, 2025 at 5:15 pm

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moved adjournment at 5:50 pm, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED.

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