



Minutes - May 13, 2025

Call to Order: Supervisor Tillman called to order Public Safety and Justice Committee at 5:59 pm in Conference room N1/N2.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Rashkin

Staff Members Present: Tara O'Connor, Human Resources Director; Kevin Wernet, Emergency Medical Director; Fred Carr, 911 Communications; Amanda Nelson, COC; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director, Judge Barbara McCrory; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator; John Light, County Administrator; Sheriff Fell, RCSO.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Supervisor Tillman is hoping to move meetings to 911 Center starting June 10, 2025 meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

April 22, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Schwarz moved approval of April 22, 2025 minutes, second by Supervisor Knudson. ADOPTED

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers:

Emergency Management Transfer Request: Emergency Management request approved by Supervisor Knudson, second by Supervisor Whitledge. APPROVED.

Review of Payments: The Committee reviews the payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Nathan DeBoer: Supervisor Whitledge moves recognizing Nathan DeBoer, second by Supervisor Knudson. CARRIES

Recognizing Craig Weberg: Supervisor Schwarz moves to recognize Craig Weberg, second by Knudson. CARRIES

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Budget to Actual Reports & 2024 Comparison :

Child Support Services: Melissa Whittwer shows the budget and comparison. The committee asks where they may see any risk in the budget? Melissa Whittwer states there is no risk at this time.

Clerk of Circuit Court: Amanda Nelson shows the budget and comparison. Amanda Nelson states that the budget has increased significantly. Many cases were paid out. Due to the payouts of these cases, we may not reach the targeted budget.

Courts: Judge McCrory stated the indigent counsel fees/attorney fees. We will never know how much to expect. If they don't have the ability to pay, they can't pay.

Request to Purchase- KeyWatcher Touch, a Key Management System: Supervisor Whitledge moves the purchase, second by Knudson. REQUEST APPROVED

Special Reports:

Child Support - Human Services Collaboration Foster Care Referrals: Melissa Whittaker addresses the Committee about when collecting child support for foster parents, the money goes to Human Services. Summary Provided. When children are placed out of the home, Child Support starts action. To comply with reunification requirements, they do not collect right away. IRP states reunification happens sooner as of nine months without collecting. Parents cannot meet the requirements. They have been working on stopping collections and stopping referrals. Removing the statute that states Child Support must be collected for foster parents. Working on a new language with foster care requirements for child support added. The Committee asks what if there is no funding? Child support is still collecting on old cases. Other counties are doing things differently as well. Possibly it could stay status quo, depending on Governor Evers' budget. Trying to focus on the now. There are many different scenarios. As of now, there are 120 children in out-of-care homes. We anticipate 2025 will be lower than the budget number.

Sheriff's Report: Nothing to add

911 Update Report: Director Fredd Carr updates the committee about the 84,000 calls this year. It is up from 600 last year. Expected to meet 90% within 15 seconds. Overall, people are doing great work.

911 center in Brodhead is in need of Rock County to help with 911 calls. They have had to go to part-time work. Due to having different phone carriers, some calls hang up, and they have no information, and are not able to find out where the 911 call was from. Rock County will be helping for 1-1 1/2 years. It does not cost Rock County anything and enhances public safety.

Committee Requests, Future Agenda Items: None.

Next meeting date and time: May 27, 2025 at 5:15 pm in Conference room N1/N2.

Adjournment: Supervisor Whitledge moves to adjournment, second by Supervisor Knudson at 6:30 pm. ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Heider

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