



Minutes - June 10, 2025

Call to Order: Chair Tillman called the hybrid Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting to order at the 911 Communication Center Conference Room.

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

Committee Members Absent: Supervisor Rashkin.

Staff Members Present: Kevin Wernet, Emergency Management Director; Fredd Carr, 911 Communications Director; Randy Terronez, Assistant to the Administrator, Cristina Figueroa Soto, Medical Examiners Office; District Attorney Jason Sanders, Jenny Stanek; Administrative Supervisor DA; Melissa Wittwer, Child Support Director; Dr. Rogalska, Medical Examiner's Office.

Others Present: None.

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

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Chair Tillman thanks Fredd Carr for hosting the PS&J Committee meeting and for hosting the Juvenile Program at the RCSO

Approval of Minutes:

May 22, 2025 Minutes: Supervisor Knudson moved to approve May 22, 2025 minutes, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Consent Calendar:

Approval of Transfers: None.

Review of Payments: The Committee reviewed the payments.

Review and Approval of Resolutions:

Recognizing Brenda Alton for Service to Rock County: Supervisor Schwarz moved approval of the above resolution, second by Supervisor Whitledge. ADOPTED.

Review, Discussion and Possible Action:

Departmental Vehicle Reporting: Sheriff Fell addresses the Committee. Reporting is for all vehicles except investigation vehicles. Anything that would put anyone in jeopardy is not listed. Vehicles that are being replaced are anything that reaches high mileage or maintenance issues. Vehicles well over 100,000 miles have a chance of being traded in. The committee asks about ATV's on hand and if they are able to keep up with others. Sheriff Fell explains that there are some that cannot keep up with newer ATV's, but radios make it easier to enforce. ATV's are prominent on country roads.

Kevin Wernet addresses the Committee about the equipment. The Committee states how it is important for Emergency Management to have dependable vehicles.

Budget to Actual Reports & 2024 Comparison:

Emergency Management: Randy Terronez worked to have new reports with the Budget to Actual Comparisons. Emergency Management is addressed first. Supervisor Shwarz asks to have totals on the bottom of reports. Asks if the reports are actual to actual. Possibly have current year's budget added. Amount budgeted for each account.

District Attorney: Supervisor Schwarz asks if there is anything pressing on the budget for the rest of the year? DA Jason Sanders states fees for discovery keep shrinking year by year. As far as tracking the budget for 2025, there are no concerns.

Departmental Information on 2024 & 2025 Hiring, Current Vacant Position Information, and Turnover :

Medical Examiner: Two pool openings right now with one of the two expected to be filled. Dr. Rogalska states one is anticipated to start in a few weeks with two more being hired by the end of the year.

District Attorney: Most beneficial information is the problem with people passing a typing test. Attorney Sanders states that it should have been amended. It was accurate as of November. It is difficult to find people that meet the criteria for the pay scale. Legal Support Specialist is the position code. Have employees that have been there for years, but have issues when hiring new.

Committee Requests, Future Agenda Items: None

Special Reports:

Sheriff's Report: The committee asks to have a year-to-date number next to the main number. Sheriff Fell will look into adding them. Sheriff Fell does not know if it autopopulates the sums. The committee asks about an Excel spreadsheet with the year-to-date numbers that will automatically populate the numbers. Calls for service are really going up, especially with summer coming. Attorney Sanders notes when you see one arrest, it doesn't show the back end of the call or arrest.

Next meeting date and time: June 24, 2025 at 5:15 pm

Adjournment: Supervisor Schwarz moved adjournment at 5:35 pm, second by Supervisor Knudson.
ADOPTED.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Heider

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