

MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2023 – 10:00 A.M.
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
LEC CONFERENCE ROOM – NORTH/SOUTH
301 WASHINGTON STREET, OCONTO WI 54153
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(Draft minutes, not approved by Committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Dennis Kroll, Don Bartels Jr., David Parmentier, Al Schreiber, Tracy Ondik

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Don Bartels Jr.

OTHERS PRESENT: Todd Skarban, Sheriff; Erik Pritzl, County Administrator; Carol Kopp, Jail Administrator; Darren Laskowski, Chief Deputy; Beth Ellingson, Corporation Counsel; Jon Spice, Emergency Management Director; Rita Krause, Administrative Assistant; Christopher Brooks, Child Support Director; Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Michael and Beth Trudell, Citizens;

1. Call to Order

Chair Kroll called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Ondik/Schreiber to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was voted on and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Schreiber/Parmentier to approve the March 15, 2023 minutes with changes. The motion was voted on and was carried.

4. Communications

Sheriff Skarban shared the following updates:

- 2023 Karl Zietler Memorial Hunt Top Dog was awarded to Deputy Kevin Christensen and K9 Turbo, and Champion Narcotics Search competition was awarded to Sergeant Cullan Morrissey and K9 Emma.
- Thank you note to Sheriff Skarban for being the keynote speaker for the Gillett FBLA.
- Oconto Electric Cooperative sent a thank you for doing extra patrols at their substations.
- Thank you from the HSHS Hospital System for the work from our deputies on an EM-1.

Rita Krause asked each of the committee board members to complete the WCA conference paperwork.

5. Reports

5.1. District Attorney Monthly Report

The report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

5.2. Medical Examiner Monthly Report

The report was reviewed. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

5.3. Jail Population Numbers and Update

Jail Administrator Carol Kopp reviewed the jail population report. A handout was provided. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

5.4. Monthly Calls for Service

Skarban reviewed the report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

5.5. Emergency Management Director Report

Jon Spice, Emergency Management Director, provided updates on projects including:

- new tower up in Oconto and provided an update on the project;
- Community meetings regarding MABIS and EMS Council Meeting
- School Safety Meeting Exercises finished up and will have after action reports and improvement plans for each school. Also asked for a collective collaboration meeting for a county-wide initiative;
- EOC technology updates;
- dam operator and water flow management reports;
- Village of Lena public safety meeting for train derailments;

Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

5.6. Child Support Monthly Report

No report for this month. Child Support Director, Christopher Brooks, provided a verbal update on the department. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

6. Review of 2022 Annual Reports

6.1. Child Support Agency

Brooks reviewed his annual report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

6.2. Sheriff's Office

Skarban reviewed his annual report. Informational only. No action taken.

The Public Safety Committee directed the reports be sent to the full County Board for review at the April 18, 2023 meeting.

7. LESO Generator Trailer Purchase

Spice provided an update on the 1033 generator at no cost versus purchasing a new generator estimated to cost \$28,000. A trailer is needed to transport the generator as needed. Erik Pritzl stated funds are available through county contingency funds. A handout was provided with quoted amounts for a trailer for the acquisition of the generator. Discussion followed.

Motion by Parmentier/Schreiber to recommend forwarding to approve the purchase of a trailer for the portable generator to the full county board using contingency funds not to exceed \$5,000.00. The motion was voted on and was carried.

8. Second Amendment Sanctuary Status Discussion

Skarban stated the history of second amendment sanctuary status and efforts made at the state and other counties including Florence who have adopted second amendment status. Skarban stated this initiative was requested by County Board Supervisor Jolene Barkhaus to be brought to the full County Board who was unable to attend today. A handout of a draft document was provided. Sheriff Skarban stated the ideology behind second amendment sanctuary status is based off of constitutional rights and not political affiliation. The recommended declaration is to declare Oconto County's support of the People's Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms. Discussion followed.

The Committee requested staff from the Sheriff Office and Corporation Counsel to draft a formal resolution for the Public Safety Committee to review in May. The motion was voted on and was carried.

9. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

- Skarban stated it was National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and thanked our Telecommunicators for all their hard work.

10. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for the 10th day of May 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

11. Adjournment

Chair Kroll declared the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

RK/Date Posted: April 21, 2023