

MINUTES
May 10, 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

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 10:00 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1. Change of Sequence – None.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

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

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Parmentier/Bartels to approve the April 12, 2023 minutes with changes. The motion was voted on and was carried.

4. Communications

Sheriff Skarban shared the following updates:

- Correctional Officer Week, Telecommunicators Week, National Police Officers Memorial Day and National Police Week recognition weeks and updates.
- Thank you from Pulaski students and K9 donation.
- Washington Middle School Career Fair thank you card.

Administrative Assistant, Rita Krause, stated communications from the public regarding second amendment status were included in the packet and six others received after the packet was posted.

Jail Administrator, Carol Kopp, stated a resignation was received for a Correctional Officer.

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

Petra Schwab, Brown County Medical Examiner, reviewed the report. 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:

- Morgan Tower Shelter going up. Mountain, Suring, Pensaukee Shelters are still being waited on.
 - School Safety Forums final after action reviews held on June 7, 6:00 p.m. in Oconto Falls in the PAC.
 - Rescue Task Force Training started on May 9, 2023, with 44 members in attendance.
 - IPP Survey results are being analyzed.
 - Two Traffic Incident Management courses conducted throughout the County;
- 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. Resolutions

6.1. Oconto County Affirms the Constitutional Rights of Its Citizens

6.2. To Declare Oconto County's Support of the People's Second Amendment Right to Keep and Bear Arms, While Supporting Advancements in Education on Firearm Safety

Agenda items 6.1. and 6.2. were both discussed under item 6.2. and are two different versions of a second amendment sanctuary status. Sheriff Skarban stated item 6.2. was a second draft from himself and Supervisor Barkhaus, which was reviewed by Corporation Counsel. Corporate Counsel Beth Ellington stated she is the author of the resolution 6.1 and supports that version. Supervisor Barkhaus stated she has solicited county citizen feedback and most of the feedback was positive. Supervisor Barkhaus stated agenda item 6.2 was reworded based on direction from the Public Safety Committee meeting in April and now includes an emphasis on firearm safety and education. Public Safety Committee Chair, Dennis Kroll, opened the floor for public comment.

Sue Shew, citizen of Oconto County, stated she opposed item 6.2.

Ken Sikora, Oconto County citizen, stated he is in support of item 6.2.

Lloyd Heier, Oconto County citizen, asked the Sheriff Skarban if the resolution changed gun laws for felons owning firearms. Sheriff Skarban stated this resolution does not change any laws.

Mike Trudell, Oconto County citizen, stated he is in support of item 6.2.

Sheriff Skarban recommended 6.2. resolution be submitted for review and approval to the full county board. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bartels/Parmentier to recommend forwarding resolution agenda item 6.2 as written to the full county board at the May 18 meeting. The motion was voted on and was carried.

6.3. Resolution Requesting the State Take Action in Support of County Criminal Justice Systems

Ellington reviewed the resolution and stated it was to support telling legislators to increase pay for district attorneys, assistant district attorneys, and some court fees.

Motion by Schreiber/Parmentier to recommend forwarding the resolution as written to the full county board. The motion was voted on and was carried.

6.4. Resolution to Establish an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee

Erik Pritzl reviewed the resolution and stated this committee is to determine how to use the opioid settlement money that have started to be received. Discussion followed.

Motion by Ondik/Bartels to recommend forwarding to the resolution as written to the full county board. The motion was voted on and was carried.

7. Radio Tower Generators

Spice stated total energy solutions to review sites and current generators for possible reuse and the maintenance needs of some of the equipment. 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. Announcements/General Information (No action to be taken)

- Skarban stated the Oconto County Sheriff's Office received a BOTS speed grant for \$30,000.
- Skarban stated the OCLEEG banquet is on May 18, 2023.
- Skarban congratulated Krause on graduating the Leadership Oconto County program, which is a nine-month leadership program which includes class course work and a community impact project.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for the 14th day of June, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

10. Adjournment

Chair Kroll declared the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

RK/Date Posted: May 23, 2023