

MINUTES
JUNE 14, 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; 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; Tim Magnin, Oconto Falls Fire Chief; Petra Schwab, Brown County Medical Examiner Office Director of Operations; Peggy Miller, Family Court Commissioner; Dave Behrandt, County Board Supervisor; Beth Trudell, Citizen;

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 – Item number 6 to item number 5.

2.2. Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Bartels/Ondik to change the sequence of the agenda. The motion was voted on and was carried. Motion by Schreiber/Parmentier to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was voted on and was carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion by Schreiber/Bartels to approve the May 10, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion was voted on and was carried.

4. Communications

None.

5. Request for Courthouse Dog

Erik Pritzl explained the process of how this topic arose. Peggy Miller, Court Commissioner, explained the purpose and reasons for the courthouse dog request. A handout was provided of questions from the Property and Technology Committee. Discussion followed.

Motion by Schreiber/Parmentier to support the request for a Courthouse Dog be proposed to the Property & Technology Committee in July. The motion was voted on and was carried.

6. Reports

6.1. District Attorney Monthly Report

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

6.2. Medical Examiner Monthly Report

Petra Schwab, Director of Operations, reviewed the report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

6.3. Jail Population Numbers and Update

Sheriff Skarban provided an update on the jail. No formal report was provided. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

6.4. Monthly Calls for Service

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

6.5. Emergency Management Director Report

Jon Spice, Emergency Management Director, provided updates on the following:

- School Safety Forums final after action reviews held on June 7, 6:00 p.m. in Oconto Falls at the PAC. Will provide a template to all school districts so response can be seamless.
- Walk through and tour at Saputo. Spills due to employee turnover.
- July 13 mock railroad derailment training in the Town of Pensaukee.
- IPP development is in process. Survey analytics are being compiled.
- Inventory all rescue task force equipment. Working with Fire and EMS.
- Request for the EM trailer at the Oconto Falls National Night Out in August. Will promote CodeRed there as well.
- Provided tower site and shelter updates.
- Participated in a Community Flood Event training held by SeaGrant.

Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

6.6. Child Support Monthly Report

Child Support Director, Christopher Brooks, provided a verbal update on the department. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken. Brooks announced his resignation and thanked the County for the great experience. He stated he is moving closer to family and friends in southern Wisconsin. The board thanked him for a job well done.

7. Radio Tower Antennas and Feedlines

Spice provided handouts and reviewed the price quotes and information. He stated this request is budgeted for. Discussion followed. Motion by Schreiber/Ondik to forward to the county board for full approval on the consent agenda. The motion was voted on and was carried.

8. Brown County Frequency Addition to Oconto County System

Spice reviewed project updates regarding the radio tower system and with the Brown County frequency licensing with the cost of \$4,400.00 to add the tactical channel. Discussion followed. Motion by Ondik/Parmentier to approve the addition of the Brown County Frequency to the Oconto County System. The motion was voted on and was carried.

9. Appointment of an Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee Member

Pritzl stated the committee was approved at the May County Board meeting. He requested to have a Public Safety Committee member appointment to the new committee. Supervisor Ondik expressed interest to be a committee member. Dennis Kroll recommended Supervisor Ondik. Discussion followed. Motion by Schreiber/Bartels to appoint Supervisor Ondik to be a Ad-Hoc Opioid Abatement Steering Committee member. The motion was voted on and was carried.

10. Announcement/General Information (No action to be taken)

Sheriff shared the following information:

- Old DNR building in Oconto Falls on Highland Drive may be available soon.
- Sheriff's Office is looking into an app in increase education, resources, and communication with the public, which may help reduce call volume.
- Toured a vacant building in the southern portion of the county for potential county use and partnership for a public library and southern substation.

11. Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for the 12th day of July 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

12. Adjournment

Chair Kroll declared the meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

RK/Date Posted: June 20, 2023