

**MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 16, 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, Tracy Ondik

COMMITTEE ABSENT: Al Schreiber

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; Carol Kopp, Jail Administrator; Al Sleeter, County Board Chair; Petra Schwab, Brown County Medical Examiner's Office Director of Operations, Dave Behrandt, County Board Supervisor; Hannah Schuchart, District Attorney; James Plotkin, Investigator; 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** – None.

**2.2. Removal of Items** – None.

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

**3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion by Parmentier/Ondik to approve the July 12, 2023 minutes as presented. The motion was voted on and was carried.

**4. Communications**

Sheriff Todd Skarban stated that the Jail Division received another perfect Jail Inspection for the 2022 year. Skarban thanked Jail Administrator Carol Kopp and the Corrections team for their great work.

**4.1. Letter from the Freedom from Religion Foundation**

The letter was included in the agenda packet for review. The letter was treated as informational. No action taken.

**5. Reports (No Action to be Taken)**

**5.1. District Attorney Monthly Report**

Hannah Schuchart, District Attorney, reviewed the report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

**5.2. Medical Examiner Monthly Report**

Petra Schwab, Brown County Medical Examiner's Office Director of Operations, reviewed the report. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

**5.3. Jail Population Numbers and Update**

Jail Administrator Carol Kopp reviewed the report. 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 an update on the following:

- Emergency Trailer will be at the Oconto County Fair and at the Pensaukee Fire Open House event.
- Involved in a house fire investigation.
- Mobile radios arrived and will be programmed in the future.
- Municipal Plan templates are being completed by several municipalities.
- School Districts meeting will be held on August 22, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. prior to the 2023-2024 school year.

**5.6. Child Support Monthly Report**

Erik Pritzl, County Administrator, provided a verbal update on the department and stated the county is still recruiting for a Child Support Director. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

**6. Approval of Equipment Acquisition through ARPA Funding**

Skarban introduced Investigator James Plotkin and they both presented a presentation for the acquisition of a Lenco BearCat with a Draco Gas Delivery System. The resolution,

quotations with supplementation information, and sole source information were handed out. Skarban explained the need for a less lethal device to provide safety to citizens and law enforcement for hostile and natural disaster events. Discussion followed. Motion by Bartels/Ondik to forward to the Administration Committee. The motion was voted on and was carried.

**7. Per Diem Authorization**

Dennis Kroll stated he requesting per diem for participation on the Child Support Director interview team.

Motion by Parmentier/Ondik to authorize a non-standing committee per diem for Supervisor Kroll for his participation in the Child Support Director interviews that started on July 14, 2023, and includes any other interview dates needed. The motion was voted on and was carried.

**8. Radio Upgrade Update**

Spice provided an update on the Radio Upgrade Project for the Suring, Brazeau, and Chase towers and shelters, as well as Bug Tussel towers and shelters. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

**9. New Frequency Update**

Spice provided an update on the new frequency channel project. Discussion followed. Informational only. No action taken.

**10. Discussion and Possible Action on Intergovernmental Agreement Between Brown County and Oconto County for Child Support Administration and Consulting**

Pritzl stated the delay in acquiring a Child Support Director, and the department is now down another position within the Child Support Department, which has made the county look for possible assistance from another county's Child Support Department. Pritzl reviewed the agreement. Discussion followed. Motion by Ondik/Bartels to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Brown County and Oconto County for Child Support Administration and Consulting and to forward to the County Board on the regular agenda for approval. The motion was voted on and was carried.

**11. Announcements/General Information (No Action to be Taken)**

- Dave Behrandt provided an updated on a toxic waste situation in the Town of Morgan.
- Skarban provided an update on the 2023 squad cars, which have not been received yet but will hopefully be in production in August.
- Pritzl provided an update from the Property and Technology Committee regarding the old DNR building in Oconto Falls that is currently vacant and for sale. He stated the county is reviewing the property for possible acquisition.

**12. Next Meeting Date**

The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee is scheduled for the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the LEC Conference Room.

**13. Adjournment**

Chair Kroll declared the meeting adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

RK/Date Posted: July 25, 2023