PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE - Minutes 4-11-2022

* Call to Order – Wally called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.
* Roll Call - Wallace Habhegger, Adam Balz, Remy Gomez, Mark Nicholson

Excused Absence- Toni Wissestad

Also Present: Sheriff Revels, Chief Deputy Weaver, Eric Weihe, Robert Smith, Michael Thompson, Jared Tessman, Cedric Schnitzler, Tina Osterberg

* Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – March 14th, 2022

Motion to approve by Remy, 2nd by Mark

* + Motion carried –4/4 present committee members
* Budget Reviews:
  + District Attorney
  + Clerk of Courts
  + Justice Department
  + Medical Examiner
  + Circuit Court
  + Dispatch
  + Sheriff’s Office
    - Committee Members see no issues with budgets this month and have no questions.

▪ Medical Examiner -

ᵒ 2022 Budget Review – Budget looks good as of right now, no questions at this time.

ᵒ Case Review – March has 43 cases, year to date there are 128 cases. Scene investigations

are up, and cremations are down.

ᵒ New Position Requests- Resolution for Medical Examiner Fulltime position versus On Call

position. Here is the background to put this in perspective, in 2010 the Medical Examiner

handled 469 cases, in 2015 handled 549 cases, in 2020 handled 468 Investigations, 320

Cremations for a total of 788 cases, in 2021 handled 519 Investigations, 371 Cremations for

a total of 890 cases. In 2000 there was a total of 409 cases, and we are well over 300 cases

more than 10-15 years ago with the same staff, and 2022 is already ahead of 2021 cases.

They were looking at eliminating the Administrative Assistant position, and have

the Medical Examiner full time position start in January of 2023, but the person in this

position has since left, so they decided to move up the request for the Full Time Medical

Examiner position. Wally asked about the March numbers that Bob provided. The end of

March numbers there were 128 Investigations, and 61 Cremations. Not all deaths are

reported to the Medical Examiner. The numbers provided are only the deaths that are

reported to the Medical Examiner, if the Doctor signs off on it, but if 3 days later they need

to be cremated then the Medical Examiner will need to open a case. The 890 cases that

were reported in 2021 are just the cases that came through the Medical Examiner. The

question was asked if there was going to be enough money in the budget to cover this. It is

all going to depend on what comes up in the next months to see if we have enough money

to cover the position.

Motion to approve by Remy, 2nd by Mark

Motion carries – 4/4 present committee members

ᵒ New Position Requests – Resolution for Part Time Chief Deputy, this position will be varied hours, and as needed. Will cover when the Medical Examiner is gone, cover calls when

needed, help out with the Administration Assistant duties. If cases are up they will have

more hours, if cases decrease they will have less hours. Mark asked at what point is the

position based on hours to go to full time with benefits, etc. If you cannot guarantee they

can have hours per week they do not qualify for benefits. They would need to be consistent

with their hours every week. The Medical Examiner will need to watch the hours and it will

depend on the weeks. Tina can’t say how it will be down the road, we may find out that we

don’t need this position or it may need to be a full time position. The position will need to

flexible and under 20 hours. One thing that will play into this is depending on the Deputies

availability is going to be your Medical Examiner, Chief Deputy, and Deputies to cover. Your

Chief Deputy will have to pick up hours. You can’t sustain staff with this case level. It takes

about 2-3 hours average per each case. Wally asked: How do you see the hours of the

Medical Examiner to work 9-5? Bob has a process on how it should work, but whoever takes

this position will need to see how it works. The Chief Deputy works more of the afternoon

shift a little later to work. Bob’s goal is to get the department built the way it should be.

This should have been done years ago. Remy said the numbers support this, and maybe

this position needs to be ¾ time. If they are this close now, just don’t stop them at 29

hours. This is a good starting point, from were we are sitting right now let’s get this in

place and go from here. This plan fixes right not, were at the point where we can’t keep up,

this is going to fix and make it work. Mark asked: Has this been discussed before and put

off? Toni had the ability with her job to make it work, and also Bob did too, but he can’t do

it anymore. Had a conversation when Penny left, but if it’s not broke don’t fix it.

Everyone’s numbers have been up. Demand is high right now. We were fixing it the best

we could. Everybody knew that this was going to be an uptick.

Motion to approve by Adam, 2nd by Mark

Motion carries – 4/4 present committee members.

▪ Justice Department-

ᵒ 2022 Budget Review – budget is at 26%, besides Drug Court. We are under budget still

down 3 staff members. This is taking a little bit longer of a process, but hopefully in the

next couple weeks to have one hired. Drug Court budget is under. Federal Grant still hasn’t

approved, still waiting on response. Eric will be gone next month, but Tara will be attending

Eric will be available by phone if needed.

ᵒ Justice Program Report – no major changes, currently have 18 inmates on the bracelet.

* Monroe County Sheriff’s Office –

ᵒ 2022 Budget Review- Nothing out of the norm for the budget so far. We did receive 1 out

of the 4 squads. Picking that one of from Brenengen’s soon. Tomah Area Ambulance

looking at purchasing that squad. They have been waiting for a while, so wanted to get it

on the agenda.

ᵒ 2021 Line Item Transfer-Patrol Education & Training account was $1.90 over budget and the

rollup code does not have sufficient funds to cover the overage. County policy requires that

if you Roll Up Code does not have money in it, you need to do a Line Item Transfer.

Motion to approve by Mark, 2nd by Adam

Motion carries – 4/4 present committee members

ᵒ 2021 Line Item Transfer-Office Supplies account was $155.59 over and the rollup code for

this account did not have sufficient funds to cover the overage.

Motion to approve by Remy, 2nd by Adam

Motion carries – 4/4 present committee members

ᵒ Resolution is support of Law Enforcement- American Police Officer running though this

month’s committee, and speaking to National Law Enforcement. The County Board to

support Law Enforcement through the States and Nation. All counties supported this.

Motion to approve by Mark, 2nd by Remy

Motion carries – 4/4 present committee members

ᵒ Emergency Management – Had a lot to catch up on. 1 Hazmat Technician completed

training. Had zero spill responses. Did outreach on tornado/severe weather warning with

newspaper, and social media. Had 30 more people sign up for Nixle. Continuing to monitor

with maintenance with the power outage. We lost power in a huge part of the Justice

Center. The EOC, Sheriff’s Office, and other departments. Maintenance is working to get

that fixed. The EOC is supposed to be on the generator now. Pretty much will have to kill

the power to the Justice Center to make sure the generator will work. Has been attending a

lot of training, playing catch up from Covid. Jared and Chief Deputy Weaver attended the

annual DNR Traffic Incident Management Training, and Mass Fatalities training. Jared,

Tina, and Captain Lee attended a 3 day PIO training, there are some areas that we need to

work on. Tina thought the training was very valuable. By having this training, and online

training it helped to know what is needed for the EOC. Will work with Corporation Counsel

to make sure these plans are where the need to be. ICA Training for participants in the EOC.

Has received a handful of certificates back, but not all. City of Sparta Emergency Plan, is in

the process of reviewing it, somethings need to be changed. Tomorrow will be doing spring

cleaning at the Eastside Station. Anything of value can put on an online auction. A

company that is connected with Nicaragua, will fix fire equipment and send it, we are not

reliable for anything. Would like to find out first what items we have. Attempted to set up

a meeting with the City of Tomah Mayor Murray to check on the Fire station, Murray asked

that this request be put on delay due to their new building site.

ᵒ Sheriff Comments – The whole Justice Center should be able to run on a generator. Gary

going to be tracking a procedure to shut off power and let the generator kick in to see if it

will handle it. Power was shut down last Friday, had a contractor come into make those

connections, this will still need to be tested. The power was off for 1 ½ hours. Continue to

assist Crime Stoppers Committee and has support from everyone, except the Mayor from

the City of Sparta. Will go and contact the new Mayor, and then bring Resolution to the

committee in May. DNA collection process most of the process items have worked out.

New legislation Act 75 went into effect. Use of Force by Law Enforcement Officers. There

are some significant concerns to the implementation of this. Duty to intervene, the Badger

Sheriff & Wisconsin Chiefs will take concerns to the legislators. Biggest concern is that

Officers must intervene to stop excessive force. The concern is between on duty and off

duty. You are required to intervene or be prosecuted if you don’t. Off duty Officer does not

know what the call is or Officer on call does not know the Officer that is coming to help.

Expenditure of jurisdiction for agencies that have this policy that their Officers can act

Outside their jurisdiction. We are not in agreement with this. Act 75 reporting of non-

Compliant force and physically intervening. Biggest is off duty and out of jurisdiction.

Promoted Deputy Badger to Patrol Sergeant, this is the last promotion opportunity through Chief

Conroy’s retirement. Captain Lee and K9 helped out with Brookwood prom. Ally will be back the

end of May. Chief Deputy Weaver setting up a meeting with Central Square to see the cost for

Tomah, Norwalk, and Wilton to join.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Resolution Crime Prevention Board.

Next Meeting Date/Time – May 9th, 2022 @ 5pm.

* Adjourn – Motion to adjourn meeting by Mark, 2nd by Adam, meeting adjourned at 6:11pm

Recorded By:

Jaimie Zimmerman