PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE - Minutes 5-9-2022

* Call to Order – Adam called the meeting to order at 5pm.
* Roll Call - Adam Balz, Remy Gomez, Toni Wissestad, Jason Jandt, Doug Rogalla

Also Present: Sheriff Revels, Chief Deputy Weaver, Tara Nichols, Robert Smith, Michael Thompson, Jared Tessman, Lynn Kloety

* Election of New Vice Chair - Toni Wissestad nominated by Remy Gomez , 2nd by Doug Rogalla

ᵒ Motion carried-5/5 present committee members

* Establishment of Monthly Meeting Date/Time

Effective July, 2022, 2nd Thursday at 4pm, with ability to connect through Zoom/phone access.

* Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 11th, 2022

Motion to approve by Toni Wissestad, 2nd by Jason Jandt

* + Motion carried –5/5 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 – No concerns

ᵒ Case Review – Cases are higher year to date. Suicide cases are high, 8 suicides this year, and

12 accident related deaths.

ᵒ Cremation Fees - Bob has Corp Counsel looking into raising cremation fees, form $100, to an

annual increase of 4 or 5%. Other counties charge $25-$200 for these cremation costs. (The

funeral homes take care of the actual cremation, the Medical Examiner’s office has to

investigate any deaths in Monroe County, and sign off before the actual cremation can take

place.)

▪ Justice Department-

ᵒ 2022 Budget Review – Overtime Budget is high for this point of the year, because they are

still down 50% of Justice Program staff. Their dedicated group has been picking up a lot of

overtime. They are currently in the hiring process, and hoping to have at least one position

filled by June 01, and working closely with personnel to fill remaining positions.

Justice and Drug Court budget are still sitting well. They have requested to remove a budget

a federal grant, which requires them to do a grant modification request and re work the

entire budget. This has been submitted, but awaiting federal approval.

Drug court budget is funded by a grant, where Justice Program is not.

ᵒ Justice Program Report – OWI court has been existence for ten years, and Drug Court has

started in 2020, but has started to stride. These courts are open to the public and they

encourage committee members to attend. These sessions are held on alternating

Wednesdays at 2:30, Judge Radcliff holds drug court and Judge Ziegler holds OWI court.

Please let Tara know if there is an interest in attendance and she will help with paperwork,

as there is some confidentiality that needs to be honored. There are usually between ten

and twenty program participants, who are usually with the program for a minim of 18

months, up to 2-2 ½ years.

▪ Dispatch –

ᵒ 2022 Budget Review – Budget currently looks good, but there are a few anomalies, but this

is due to bills being paid on the 30th of April, looking like they were paid twice but this is not

the case. Mike wants to be proactive on paying these bills, so he reviews and sends for

payments promptly.

ᵒ Backup Dispatch Center – Mike has sat in some of the meetings at the Tomah Emergency

Services building. Space with conduits will be built right into the building. Mike and Jared

Tessman would like to see this as a stand-along dispatch center, for in the event a situation

arises. Baycom originally quoted $600,000, but later dropped this quote by $25,000, but

this is only the radio side. There is still the CAD and phone system that would require costs.

Remy Gomez questioned why this set up isn’t something that we already have in place.

Mike said that there is an older set up in the Tomah City Hall, a small basement consulate,

but this probably does not work with current upgraded system. Jared states that there

would be a need for a separate tower, 100 ft, for a microwave connection. They did double

check with First Net which does have a tower on city property, but they would not be able

to have a microwave connection. So a separate tower would be but they would not be able

to have a microwave connection. So a separate tower would be needed.

ᵒ Wisconsin NextGen 9-1-1 Program - The annual savings from moving to Essinet will be at

least a recurring savings of $1700 per month, with possible additional savings. Mike believes

that there is a likelihood of grant funding for the local exchange carriers, and is looking at

the possibility of getting the $10,000 covered in a different grant for moving ahead with

NextGen. Mike believes that Essinet is the switch that should be made, and rid of Lumin, to

prevent anymore conversion of analog to digital issues. Transfers will go much smoother,

this is the next generation of 911. There are no recurring costs for the next 8-10 years, and

the state funding mechanism will take care of this. Right now costs are about $1,700 per

month for 911 trunks for wireless and landline data, but will go away with this next move.

Cedric notes that there is a lot of grant money that is still waiting to come down, and Jared

and Mike need to be on top of looking into this funding. AT&T will bring fiber right into the

basement of the facility for free, and equip for free, but will not put any wires into the

county network – this will be responsible by the IT department. Mike is not envisioning this

to happen until at least the second quarter, if it was agreed to go with this route. There is

no funds that need to be spent now, but funding will be needed in next year’s budget, a

minimum of $10,000. This will include some hardware and extensive testing, to ensure the

map is 100% spot on.

* Monroe County Sheriff’s Office –

ᵒ Presentation of Sheriff’s Awards – Presented by Sheriff Revels

Richard Gerke – Awarded for transporting equipment for the Sheriff’s Department, at no

cost to the county. Sara Moseley – Awarded for assisting the Sheriff’s Department in a

search, while kayaking through a complicated waterbody. Lance Wiersema – Awarded for

donating dog food to the department’s K-9 program, from Theisen’s. Lance also hosts Touch

a Truck, at Theisen’s.

ᵒ 2022 Budget Review – No concerns on Sheriff Dept. Chief Deputy Weaver is waiting on an

answer from Jail Captain Hendrickson for jail budget.

ᵒ 2022 Budget Adjustment – To roll funds forward from 2021 to 2022 budget for the purpose

of paying the final invoice for the Justice Center CCTV upgrade. Work on this project began

in 2021 but due to parts delays work was not completed until 2022, when the final bill will

be paid.

Motion to approve by Doug Rogalla, 2nd by Remy Gomez

Motion carries – 5/5 present committee members

ᵒ Emergency Management – Jared is currently working with a large gathering plan with the

City of Tomah, with Tomah PD and Fire. This is due to some of the size of events they are

growing into, without having an emergency operations plan in place. They are trying to be

proactive with the possibility of a new city ordinance to have some level in making decisions

when it comes to these large gatherings. Jared and Cedric speak of the recent power outage

in the city of Sparta, which made the realization that the backup generator was not

providing power to all crucial departments (This size generator was originally purchases to

ensure all departments could continue to operate throughout an outage). There has been

follow up activity to ensure the issue be resolved, in the event another outage takes place.

Jail, Child Support, Justice, and Medical Center were the only departments that were up and

running, with the generator, through the power outage. Supervisor Wissestad asks if the

maintenance department has a generator testing procedure, with logged testing and

information, and asks that the department start a process such as this to prevent any

further issues of negligence.

ᵒ Sheriff Comments – Chief Deputy states no comments from the Sheriff at this time.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – Jail tour needs to be completed at some point, Supervisor

Balz notes. Beginning in July, new Public Safety meetings be held on the second Thursday at

4 pm. A zoom link, foran option to call in is requested. Add “Public Comment” back to the

agenda, due to consensus from all. 911 quarterly meetings on Thursdays at 1:30, Adam said

Mike would like to have some sort of community representation, from the committee, at

these meetings.

Next Meeting Date/Time – June 13th, 2022 @ 5pm.

▪ Adjourn – Adam adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm

Recorded By:

April Brown