

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
Friday, October 14, 2016**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, October 14, 2016 at 8:30am in the County Board Room of the Richland County Court House in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present at the meeting were: Committee Chair Fred Clary and Committee members Gary Peters, and Don Seep. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Jim Bindl, Chief Deputy Chad Kanable, Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Richland County DA Jennifer Harper, Deputy Coroner Ruth Bristol, Sgt. Wes Starkey, Pat Metz, Judge Andrew Sharp and Karl Fredriksen - RCPD.

**Agenda Item #1: Call to Order:** Committee Chair Fred Clary called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

**Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for October 14, 2016 LEJC Meeting:** Committee chair Clary confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted with one amendment. Upon receiving confirmation Clary declared meeting properly posted.

**Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for October 14, 2016 Meeting:** Motioned by Don Seep to approve the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the September 15, 2016 LEJC Meeting:** Motion by Don Seep to approve the minutes as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

**Agenda Item #5: Clerk of Court Updates:** Clerk of court Stacy Kleist was not available for the meeting, Chairman Clary went over her packet of information with the committee. No questions on her information.

**D.) Set Interview Date:** Discussion with the members regarding the dates that Clerk of Court suggested for interviews. Clary stated only 1 member could be there on October 19<sup>th</sup> and alternate date would be November 2, 2016. October 21<sup>st</sup> will not work for any of the members.

**Agenda Item #6: District Attorney Update:** DA Harper talked about overdose death investigations that come through her department. She talked about some of the trials that will be going through the court system in the future.

**B, C)** Judge Sharp talked about a new treatment court they would like to create and the title and job description for a position that will need to be created. Judge Sharp talked about the position qualifications and Pat Metz talked about possible pay grades for this position which will be paid through a grant. The committee discussed certifications this position would need or not need, whether it would be a social worker position and who this person would report to. The grant would be administered through HHS and therefore would probably be reporting to the

Clinical Services Manager at HHS and the judge would oversee the daily activities of this position and the position would be at a social worker grade. The office location of this position would be in the Health and Human Services building. Motion by Gary Peters to recommend this issue be forwarded to the Finance and Personnel committee. Second to this motion by Don Seep. Motion approved.

**A.)** Judge Sharp informed the committee that a member of the county board needs to be on the committee for the Treatment Court Committee. Clary talked about committee structure and this will need to be presented to the Rules and Resolutions Committee along with the duties of this new committee. Clary stated structure and duty information for the new committee needs to get to the County Clerk and then it will be presented to Rules and Resolutions committee. Judge Sharp would like to see all this in place by February 2017.

**Agenda Item #7: Coroner Updates:** 3 autopsies pending, 9 calls for the month of September. There has been an increase in drug related deaths and coroner calls.

**Agenda Item #8: DLA 10-33 program:** Sgt Starkey and Officer Fredriksen presented to the committee information regarding this item. The 10-33 program is something the officers have used and it is where equipment can be purchased from the military that is no longer being utilized by them. They informed the committee that there is an opportunity to become a part of the program to possibly get an armored vehicle from the military, which would be a larger personnel carrier. The current vehicle is very small and doesn't work well for the SRT team. Through this program the vehicle would be free other than the cost to ship it to the department. This new vehicle could hold up to 8 people, there is a need for this as there is an increase in drug overdoses and search warrants which increases the risks to law enforcement personnel. This vehicle would allow officers in these instances more protection. The vehicle could also be used in other instances such as the flooding we had in the previous months. Clary asked about the cost with the current vehicle which is shared among the county and city. The current vehicle was also obtained from the military and would probably need to be returned to the military. Equipment for the new vehicle would be minimal and parts and maintenance could be taken to a local repair shop, lights and siren would need to be the only equipment added to the new vehicle. Delivery could be anywhere from \$4000 to possibly only \$2000 for delivery and \$150 one-time enrollment fee to get into the program. Motion by Gary Peters to pay the one-time fee for enrollment in the program. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Don Seep. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #9: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's**

**Department reports:** Sheriff Bindl went over the blue sheet and jail statistics with the committee. He informed the committee that 96% of the traffic grant money was used up that the department was involved in within the past few months. Sheriff Bindl discussed a resolution passed by the city regarding emergency radio coverage for the county. Motion to approve the invoices by Don Seep, 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #10: Radio System and Squad Updates: Radio:** Bunker Hill project is moving forward with adding a repeater up there at that site. The Bunker

Hill site is great when it comes to fire communications and for our department is the 2<sup>nd</sup> best site. Clary would like to see about improving our current tower sites and then he would like to see if there are any grants for repeaters. **Squad:** There have been some squad radio issues the past month. The new SUV should be here next week, repairs on the current squads are up a bit. Paperwork has been sent into FEMA for damages associated with the flooding in regards to squads, the department is not sure if any money will be given back to the department. The committee discussed public auction on squads and if there is an easier way to acquire a vehicle when seen at public auction.

**Agenda Item #11: Adjourn;** Motion by Don Seep to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler