

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, May 12, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, May 12, 2017 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 Buford Marshall, Gary Peters, Don Seep and Marty Brewer. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Chief Deputy Chad Kanable, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Richland County Clerk of Circuit Court Stacy Kleist, Jennifer Laue from Probate, and Coroner James Rossing.

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 May 12, 2017 LEJC Meeting: Committee chair Clary confirmed that the meeting was properly posted with one amendment. Upon receiving confirmation Clary declared meeting properly posted. Motion by Buford Marshall to approve the posting of the agenda, 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Clerk of Court Kleist wanted to make a note to the committee that in the agenda item 8a was incorrect. The title of the Ms. Walter's should be Deputy Clerk of Court, not Clerical Assistant II as stated on the agenda. The committee noted this comment. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for May 12, 2017 Meeting: Motioned by Buford Marshall to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the April 7, 2017 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Marty Brewer to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Driftless Music Gardens Updates: Three members from this organization were in attendance. The committee members were given a hand out and flyer of the events that will be happening in June and August. The members of the organization went over the hand out with the committee and discussed how the event went last year and anything new at the events this year. Again this year, ticket sales will be at 1500 people maximum. Seep informed the committee and Driftless organization that he heard many positive comments about the events last year, and wanted to let the organization know that they did a wonderful job with the events held last year. Clary stated there is no need for the Large Gathering Ordinance due to the 1500 ticket sales.

Agenda Item #6: Coroner Updates: Coroner Jim Rossing was at this meeting, he informed the committee that there were 15 deaths in the past month none that were drug related. He went over a hand out with the committee regarding a drug

related death within the past year. He talked about what type of drug related deaths are being seen in our county. Coroner Rossing stated a lot of time is spent by his department on drug related deaths to make sure everything is done correctly in regards to autopsies.

Agenda Item #7: Probate Updates: Ms. Laue talked about things going on in the Probate Department. Ms. McNamer was gone due to a medical issue during the past few months and Ms. Laue only works part time. The month of March brought a busy work load in regards to cases, there were many CHIPS cases which are very time consuming. Laue went over the reports with the committee members, which included her bills for the month and where the department's budget is at for the month.

Agenda Item #8: Clerk of Court Updates: Clerk of Court Kleist would like the committee to approve Chelsey Walter's probation completion as Deputy Clerk of Court in her department. Motion to approve this item by Don Seep, 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion approved.

Kleist went over her reports with the committee members regarding work load, judicial assignments and collections in her department for the month of April. Kleist went over her bills and budget for the month.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: The department was not available for this meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: Chief Deputy Kanable went over the bills for the month, information was gone over regarding Aviands, Radio maintenance and Richland Hospital. Clary would like to see more action taken on the invoices that we are having to pay on behalf of a person who ended up having a hospital stay after being sentenced to the state prison system. Motion by Buford Marshall to take the invoices regarding Ms. Fields to Atty Southwick and to contact our legislators regarding the state being liable for these types of expenses when a person has been committed to the state prison system, 2nd to this motion by Don Seep. Motion approved. Motion by Don Seep to pay all other bills excluding the Richland Hospital bills in the amount of \$19,369.92, 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion approved. Chief Deputy Kanable went over the blue sheet statistics with the committee members for the month of April. Discussion regarding courtroom security issues and the casual people that are available to do that. This issue will be discussed at the next month's meeting.

Motorsports Mayhem is this Saturday, due to budgetary issues there will be no extra officers on the grounds for this event, officers that are on duty will report to any calls that may happen at the event, but no one will be on the grounds full time as far as law enforcement.

Chief Deputy went over the Jakubowski incident. There were 59 ½ regular hours and 82 ½ overtime hours used on this incident. Night goggles the department has helped during the night hours. There were not enough rifles available to the department members out at this incident. Some officers had only pistols and personal vehicles as the department did not have enough squads available also. The officers did not have enough heavy vests that were out at the location. Safety issues are obviously a concern when it comes to an incident like this. The radio was also an issue during this incident. Kanable just wanted the committee to be aware that the department

does not have all the equipment available to them when something like this happens. Vernon and Crawford County had most of their departments at the scene also, Vernon had the equipment needed for their officers.

Agenda Item #11: Department Budget & Reduction Strategies for 2017:

Chief Deputy Kanable talked about revenues coming into the department. EMP costs about \$1600 per month the run the program. The program had 13 to 17 people on the program. During the past three months the department has made a profit of around \$13,071.

The jail has also started a program where the inmates can now text their family members where the county will receive money from Reliance for the costs of these texts. The texts will be monitored daily, and you can set restrictions on any texts that can be sent out. If there would be problems with the inmate that is texting, that device and privilege can be taken away at any time. The program is free to the county. Seep would like a follow-up report once this program has been in place as to how this program is running.

Agenda Item #12: Wage Increase for Chief Deputy & Lieutenant Positions:

Chief Deputy Kanable discussed with the committee regarding how the Chief Deputy & Lieutenant receive increases. Clary stated that it is a manual process because it is not part of the union contract. These positions are considered Non-union, so that has to be done outside of the contract. History shows that these positions normally received the same increases as what the union people received. This will be brought back next month.

Agenda Item #13: Traffic Grant: The grant will be going through the County Board this month for approval. The grant is restrictive to certain areas of road, which is mainly Highway 14, Hwy 80 and Hwy 60. The officers will probably work extra 4 hour shifts like they've done in the past and the squads will have to be marked squads.

Agenda Item #14: Schedule interview date for jailer/dispatcher position:

Chief Deputy would like to see if the last week of May or beginning of June to set interviews for this position. The committee agreed to a date of Wednesday, May 31, 2017 at 6pm.

Agenda Item #15: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Mapping: still working on the same issues as last month. Radio: Lightning hit the repeaters at Tower Hill, this issue was resolved and is back up and running. Possible co-op between Vernon and Richland in the talks regarding a portable repeater. Clary would ask the department to have a priority list as to what needs to be addressed in regards to towers. Squads: Five squads in for service for oil issues. Clary stated probably a month ago about capital outlay items regarding squad cars. Personnel & Finance is looking to take the \$60,000 from car outlay and transferred to general fund this year and then borrow \$120,000 that would be available to purchase squad cars this year and next year. One squad on order currently would be part of this borrowing, there could be another two squads purchased this year and a possible 2 to 3 squads for next year that could be purchased. This allows the operational capital to be put back in the general fund.

Agenda Item #16: Adjourn; Motion by Marty Brewer to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, June 9, 2017 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler