

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, August 11, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, August 11, 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 Sheriff Jim Bindl, Chief Deputy Chad Kanable, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Richland County Clerk of Court Stacey Kleist, DA Jennifer Harper, Investigator Toby Johnson, Sgt. Dane Kanable, Sgt. Kevin Melby, Jennifer Laue from Probate and Deputy Coroner Ruth Bristol.

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 August 11, 2017 LEJC Meeting: Committee chair Clary confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted with two amendments. Upon receiving confirmation Clary declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for August 11, 2017 Meeting: Motioned by Buford Marshall to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the July 14, 2017 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Don Seep to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: Ruth Bristol informed the committee there were 6 regular deaths, 4 hospice deaths and 1 autopsy.

Agenda Item #6: Probate Updates: Jennifer Laue from Probate presented her reports to the committee. There were no changes for the month overall, she went over her invoices for the month. There was a question regarding an invoice for psychological evaluations, which the county does pay for when it's something brought up in the court system.

Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Update: Clerk of Court Kleist went over her reports with the committee members. She went over some of the state debt collections that came through her office during the last month. She made comments on judicial assignments, collections and budget strategies for her department for the month of July. Kleist commented to the committee regarding possibly dropping her own insurance from her budget in order to keep staff with the financial issues the county is going through. She's not sure this is a good strategy, but is trying to look at what could possibly help her budget with the cuts being issued by the county.

Agenda Item #8: District Attorney Updates: DA Harper presented her invoices for the month to the committee. She also presented her budget for 2018 to the committee members. She cut out expenses and is only coming up with \$4100 of the \$7000, so her option she has at this time is possibly have up to 10 days of layoff for her office. There was a brief discussion on this issue with the committee.

Agenda Item #9: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: The sheriff went over the invoices to be paid for the month. Motion to approve the invoices for payment by Don Seep, 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion approved. The Sheriff went over the blue sheet and jail statistics with the committee members. Clary presented the Large Group Application for the Cannon Run Event. Motion by Marty Brewer to accept and sign the application as long as all demands of the application are met, 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #10: Department budget & reduction strategies for 2017: Sheriff Bindl informed the committee members the department plans on increasing EMP to \$70,000, booking fees at \$25 were based off of around 600 people, which would increase cost to \$15,000 and increases in texting fees would equal about \$6,000. The shortage comes down to about \$71,000 that the department is not able to come up with at this time. There was a discussion regarding booking fees amongst the committee members.

Agenda Item #11: Reschedule regular LEJC meeting for September: The committee decided on a date of Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 8:30.

Agenda Item #12: Schedule Road Patrol position interviews: The committee discussed options for interviews. The committee decided on a date of Wednesday, August 30, 2017 at 5 pm.

Agenda Item #13: Nina Fields Hospital Bills: The committee was informed that the hospital bills for Ms. Fields who was in our jail, but sentenced to prison and ended up in the hospital before she could be transferred to prison have still not been paid, the state denied to pay the bills for Ms. Fields as they stated it was up to the county. Harper suggested that corporation counsel probably needs to get involved and to see what legally can be done regarding these open invoices. The Sheriff and Chairman Clary will take this issue to Corporation Counsel and see what can be done with this issue.

Agenda Item #14: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: **Mapping** – Viola EMS as well as other EMS and fire districts will be changing their territories, work will need to be done with the maps and a lot of data entry from our dispatchers which will create overtime for the Sheriff's department, this is supposed to take effect January 1, 2018. Seep wondered if the county could bill the townships for this extra work. Clary stated this is possible, it's never been done before, it will be something that will have to be considered. **Radio** – One of the department squad radio issues has been resolved from last month, the other squad will be receiving a new radio which will be installed sometime next week. There have been issues with the US Cell tower and that is being worked on. Frontier is going to do away with their phone lines

on the towers, that will be happening in the future. US Cell is also increasing their fees on the towers, this cost could be somewhere around \$5,100. **Squads** - New squad 12 (caprice) is now state side and all invoices for this squad have been received. The recall on the SUV's so far has not affected any of our squads, but Ford said they will stand behind it and make corrections once the recall has been issued. Clary wondered is the car dealership has any way to track where this new squad is since it was ordered back in December 2016.

Agenda Item #18: Adjourn; Motion by Marty Brewer to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler