

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Thursday, September 7, 2017**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Thursday, September 7, 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 Circuit Court Stacy Kleist, DA Jennifer Harper, Sandy McNamer, Steve Sailsbury, Chris Schildgen, Sgt. Dane Kanable, Investigator Toby Johnson 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 September 7, 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 September 7, 2017 Meeting: Motioned by Marty Brewer to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the August 11, 2017 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Buford Marshall to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: Ruth Bristol was present- 10 deaths for the month of August. The coroner's office attended a conference in Sparta. There are 17 deaths pending with hospice and she talked about a new contract with RTI in the works that deals with tissue and organ recovery that could bring some money in to cover costs of training and travel. Ruth stated there are no per diems or mileage for the meetings they attend.

Agenda Item #6: Sheriff's Dept - Fill open casual position: Chief Deputy Kanable stated there is an open casual position in the jail and stated that Chris Schildgen who previously was employed by Richland County has stated interest in filling that casual position. There is no issue with this agenda item not being in closed session. The committee went over a few questions with Mr. Schildgen regarding the casual position. Motion to approve hiring Mr. Schildgen to fill the casual position and forward the candidate to the Sheriff made by Marty Brewer. 2nd to motion by Buford Marshall. The Sheriff approved this candidate. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #7: Probate Update: Sandy McNamer went over her monthly report and invoices for the month with the committee members. **2018 budget for probate** - McNamer stated she was able to come up with about \$1600 of cuts for her budget and is not able to find anywhere else to cut. Clary went over what the department budgets were supposed to include as far as increases and cuts. There was discussion between the committee members and probate regarding the budget for 2018. Motion to approve forwarding the probate department budget to Finance & Personnel made by Marty Brewer. Second to this motion by Don Seep. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #8: Clerk of Court Updates: Clerk of Court Kleist went over her monthly report with the committee members regarding workload, judicial assignments, collections, and expenditures. She talked about how the traffic grant with the Sheriff's Department increased the volume with her department, now that the traffic grant is over that volume will decrease over the next month. Collections for the month was up, which was a result of the county issued traffic tickets. **2018 Budget –** Clerk of Court Kleist went over her budget with the committee. There was discussion with the committee on specific items in her budget. Motion to forward her 2018 budget to Finance & Personnel made by Marty Brewer, Second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: DA Harper went over her budget with the committee. She informed the committee that with the 7% cut for her department she is not able to make cuts unless she took 10 plus furlough days which does not make sense for her department to do. So the direction she is proposing is to restructure her department. Her department is currently at 35 hours a week for personnel and then one person at 17.5 hours. To restructure, her proposal is to increase her 35 hour per week people to 40 hours per week and take out the person at 17.5 hours, which will cut around \$10,000 from her budget. DA Harper noted that restructuring her department is the only way to make the requested cuts in her budget. She communicated with the committee members that to cut her budget it would require this restructuring to her office or to make no cuts at all as there was nothing more to cut from her budget. Motion to forward the DA's proposed budget for 2018 on to Finance & Personnel made by Marty Brewer. Second to this motion Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: Sheriff Bindl went over the invoices with the committee members. Motion to approve the invoices made by Buford Marshall. Second to this motion by Marty Brewer. Sheriff Bindl went over the blue sheet jail statistics with the committee members.

Agenda Item #11: Sheriff's 2018 budget presentation & reduction strategies for 2017: Sheriff Bindl went over the 2018 budget with the committee members. Sheriff Bindl discussed specific issues related to his budget. Brewer brought up comments on staffing and Sheriff Bindl stated if you reduce staff you immediately incur overtime to cover that staff shortage. Sheriff stated economically if a 7% cut is made to this budget, crime will rise, drug related issues will rise. Clary stated if 7% was cut from the budget it would be personnel. Motion by Don Seep to forward this budget on to Finance & Personnel, second to this motion by Marty

Brewer. Motion approved. Sheriff Bindl stated if the committee thinks if they are thinking of cutting personnel, he would like to know that today. Brewer states you probably won't know that until you meet with Finance. Clary stated at this point there have been no personnel cuts. Seep states that the recommendation by this committee is not to cut staff.

Agenda Item #12: Nina Fields outstanding medical bills status: Clary has concerns regarding who is responsible for this inmate at the time of the service. DA Harper states you probably need to ask Corp Counsel that specific question, and it may need to come from a County Board Member.

Agenda Item #13: Emergency Service Response Districts: Chief Deputy Kanable discussed with the committee regarding lines of service changing among EMS services. Kanable stated there is also a need to have the fire lines of service changed over as well. Kanable doesn't think this can happen on the January 1st deadline that one of the townships wanted. Clary commented the responsible parties are the townships to make the decision on if this change will happen of changing the lines of service.

Agenda Item #14: Cost of remapping and should the county charge: Clary stated that there is a cost to do the re-entry of the mapping. Clary stated how mapping works based on sections and fire numbers. The service lines will have to be redrawn and then the data entry will have to be done which in the past has always been done by the sheriff's department. Kanable stated he does not know what the cost of overtime will be at this time. Clary stated the phone company will also be charging a fee back to the county for doing this as well. Clary states the cost to do all this work can be passed on to the municipality, the second part is should the county pass this cost onto the municipality. In the past the county has not passed this cost on to the townships. Clary stated there is a concern that all of this work can be done by January 1, 2018. Clary states the decision of this committee today is if the townships be charged. Motion made by Don Seep to charge the townships for this cost in data entry for re-mapping, second to this motion by Buford Marshall. There was more discussion on this issue. Clary stated he would think it would be around 80 to 100 hours of overtime costs to do this process. Seep withdrew his original motion and the second to the original motion was withdrawn as well. Kanable stated that a casual employee could possibly be brought in to help with this data entry and that could cut some of the cost. Clary will bring this information to the County Chair and that no decision has been made at this time.

Agenda Item #15: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Squads - New squad 12 which is the Chevy Caprice is at Jones and the build for this squad will take about 4 to 5 weeks. The costs for this squad is all covered by insurance and all paperwork will hopefully be in by this week or next. **Radio -** Talks continue about the tower on Tower Hill.

Agenda Item #16: Adjourn; Motion by Marty Brewer to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, October 13, 2017 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Don Seep. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler