

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
Friday, April 13, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, April 13, 2018 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 Representatives from Driftless Music Gardens, 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 April 13, 2018 LEJC Meeting:** Committee chair Clary confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Clary declared meeting properly posted.

**Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for April 13, 2018 Meeting:** Motioned by Buford Marshall to approve the agenda with three amendments. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the March 9, 2018 LEJC Meeting:** Motion by Don Seep to approve the minutes as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

**Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates:** For the month of March there were 8 regular deaths, 3 hospice deaths and 5 outstanding autopsies. Discussion regarding a bill received from a local funeral home regarding a transport that was billed to the county.

**Agenda Item #6: Driftless Music Gardens Event updates:** The members explained last year's event was not as large as they thought it could be, but the event is growing slowly. She went over last year's event and things that took place during that event. Sheriff Bindl stated there were no big issues at the event and it seems to run smoothly. Marty Brewer stated there could be issues with people getting to the event this year as there will be three bridges that will have construction taking place. The event representatives were not aware of this construction taking place. Discussion of the township in the fall getting a Class B liquor license. Clary stated this event does not fall under the Large Group Ordinance, they are just giving updates as a courtesy to the committee.

**Agenda Item #7: Probate Department Updates:** Probate was not available for this meeting, reports were disbursed from the Probate office. Motion by Marty

Brewer to accept reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Buford Marshall. Clary stated a letter was received stating that as of May 1, 2018 in the Probate Office, Sandy McNamer will be retiring. The letter was accepted by the committee.

**Agenda Item #8: Clerk of Court Updates:** Reports were emailed to committee members as Clerk of Court Kleist was unavailable for this meeting due to training. Motion by Marty Brewer to accept report, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates:** not available for this meeting.

**Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports:** The committee went over the invoices for the Sheriff's Department with discussion on a few of the invoices. Motion by Don Seep to approve the invoices, second to this motion by Marty Brewer. Motion approved.

A. **Appleland Law Enforcement** – This is for the year ammo for the officers and the county provides this. Motion by Marty Brewer to approve this invoice, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

B. **Lock and Load** – this is for an out of state transport that was no anticipated out of Arizona, the cost of this invoice is estimated at around \$2,500. It is cheaper to have a company transport him back then have our employees fly out and transport him back. Motion by Gary Peters to approve payment, second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Sheriff Bindl went over the blue sheet jail statistics with the committee members.

**Agenda Item #11: Spillman maintenance contract discussion and approval:** Chief Deputy Kanable stated that the Spillman contract is due which is \$23,269.51 and currently the 911 outlay account does not have enough in that account to pay for this invoice. Clary stated the Finance Committee has always figured this bill to be paid out of the 911 outlay account. Clary states there needs to be an accounting of what bills have gone through that account. Chief Deputy Kanable will bring this back to the committee next month.

**Agenda Item #12: Discussion on status of Nina Fields medical invoices:** The Department is just asking for follow up on the status of Ms. Fields medical invoices to see how the department should proceed. A formal letter was written to the Department of Corrections, but there has been no written reply from our District Representatives. Seep stated the Sheriff needs to follow up with our District Representatives to see what should be done or how the department should proceed.

**Agenda Item #13: Discussion of crashed squad/Insurance Company action and how to proceed:** Clary stated there was a squad that was involved in a crash on County Highway Y and this squad was totaled which was our newest squad in the fleet. Two officers were involved in this crash, one being our newest road officers who was on the first night on his first shift, the cause of the accident was due to items too close to the roadway which were located at a local salvage yard. Chief Deputy Kanable stated that in talks with the insurance company they are planning on replacing the squad. Kanable informed the committee that Chevy is no longer making the Caprice and the only option at this point would be a Dodge Charger or Ford Taurus. The department has asked the insurance company to consider a SUV in replacement of the

sedan and the department has not heard back from the insurance company regarding this request. Clary stated usually in property replacement issues, this needs to take place within 6 months. Kanable stated that if the department had to go with the Charger new equipment would need to be purchased and the insurance company states they would cover this. Motion by Marty Brewer to advertise bids for replacement squad, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #14: Discussion on purchase of used squad:** Chief Deputy Kanable discussed with the committee that the department has become short on squads due to the damage to two vehicles in the fleet. Squad 8 is out of service due to an incident that happened near the Vernon/Richland County line. The insurance company has stated that may replace this vehicle as well. Kanable stated the City of Pewaukee has a used squad on auction that has 37,000 miles, Pewaukee has a switch out every two years no matter the mileage. Pewaukee is willing to work with our department. The vehicle is a 2016 Ford SUV, the equipment is not included with the vehicle. Kanable believes the vehicle could go on auction for around \$18,000, with new equipment costs of around \$14,000. Kanable states the reason this is brought to the committee is because there are several vehicles in the fleet with high mileage that also have other mechanical issues. Clary states that with the 2 new squads purchased and the 2 squad that may be replaced by insurance due to damage and being totaled out this gives the department 4 new vehicles with the county only paying for 2 of those vehicles. Clary is asking why the department needs an additional used vehicle. Kanable states the used vehicle gives the department an opportunity to use this vehicle for a single person and therefore cuts back on mileage used by one person versus a squad that is used by multiple people and higher mileage. If this used vehicle is purchased for a Lieutenant or Investigator car, we would have the equipment to put into this used squad if purchased. The new car outlay would allow for purchase if the department could obtain it for \$17,000 or less. Motion by Gary Peters to have the department move forward with looking into this used squad and bringing it back to the committee with more information regarding cost, second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Clary states this is not a motion to purchase just for more information including the balance available in the new car outlay account. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #15: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates:** Mapping – Frontier has kicked back all the mapping changes that have been made and this project should be wrapped up. Currently there is no invoice for these changes that were made. Radio – Kanable stated there was a radio issue when the crash took place involving the two deputies, the radio ended up going down. Kanable states he not sure what the next step is with this issue and that it is a system issue, he just wants the committee to be aware of this. Squads – this was discussed in the other items. Brewer wondered what costs would be to take care of the radio issue. Kanable states for system replacement would be around 2.5 million which is not possible. Kanable is looking into what companies can do as other options.

**Agenda Item #16: Adjourn;** Motion by Marty Brewer to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, May 11, 2018 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler