

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, June 8, 2018**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, June 8, 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 Marty Brewer and Committee members Buford Marshall, Gary Peters, Larry Sebranek and Melissa Luck. 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, Jenifer Laue, Lt. Dane Kanable, Investigator Toby Johnson and Deputy Coroner Ruth Bristol, Police Chief Luke Clements, Tiffany Olson, Darin Gudgeon, Sue Pilla.

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

Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for June 8, 2018 LEJC Meeting: Committee Chair Brewer confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Brewer declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for June 8, 2018 Meeting: Motioned by Buford Marshall to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Larry Sebranek. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the May 11, 2018 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Buford Marshall to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Larry Sebranek. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: nothing to report this month.

Agenda Item #6: Probate Update: Jenifer Laue went over her reports with the committee members. Laue states she is working through all the things that go on in the department since Ms. McNamer has retired. She stating that the public will need to call to make appointments to make sure someone is in the office. Laue states the Clerk of Court Kleist has offered her assistance when Ms. Laue is gone to come into the Probate office and to help out with filings when needed. Kleist stated that the computer system work off of the same system and so that is a nice thing so that the two departments can work together and coordinate things.

Agenda Item #7: Sobriety Court Updates: Tiffany Olson introduced herself and talked about the Sobriety Court program, and the grant that was received to cover this program. This is a five year grant, the grant has to be re-written every year and has been approved again for this next year. Currently there are 12 active participants in the program that have alcohol related issues like multiple OWI's. This program

provides treatment and monitoring and also provides a break to the sheriff's system to keep the jail population down by putting those offenders in this program. There are multiple departments that are involved in support of this program. Peters wonders if the program collects statistics on what type of cliental the program is supporting. Olson stated that it is a state program, so there are statistics that are being collected. Harper commented on how the program works and said the county could top out at 15 participants in the program, that is what the grant has been written for and the participant can be in the program for a minimum of 14 months, but there isn't a maximum amount of time a person can be in this program. The program is very individually based. Sobriety court is held every other week on Wednesday and 10am.

Agenda Item #8: Clerk of Court Updates: Clerk of Court Kleist went over her reports with the committee members. Court filings have went up due to the "Click It or Ticket" program that has been going on within the past month. The greater number of tickets creates more work after court for her department and the District Attorney's department. Kleist went over the numbers of cases going through the court system and also collections for her department during the past month. Kleist went over the revenue and expenses activity from her department with the committee members.

Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates: **b)** DA Harper talked with the committee about how her department runs. Currently the DA, Asst DA are paid for by the state. The state pays for the attorney's and any funding for the attorneys. The computer system is paid for by the state. The Victim Witness Coordinator and Legal Secretary are funded by the county. The Victim Witness Coordinator items and issues are reimbursed by the state at a percentage. Every year the general fund gets reimbursed about \$30,000 to \$40,000 for the Victim Witness Coordinator position. **C)** Harper stated to the committee that her office, as well as four other departments on the second floor, are looking for a pass thru window and a buzzer instead of the elaborate measures that were drawn up back in 2015. **D)** There is a traffic grant the sheriff's department will get \$60,000 to write tickets for law enforcement coverage. The DA's office and Clerk's Office does not have more staff to cover the amount of time the increased number of tickets that need to be dealt with, so her department is looking for the possibility of creating an ordinance, and other processes that could help with the increase of time it will take to deal with the citations.

Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's Department reports: The committee went through the invoices for the month. Motion to pay the invoices made by Buford Marshall, second to this motion by Larry Sebranek. Motion approved.

The Sheriff went over the monthly blue sheet jail statistics with the committee members. Two jailers have quit within the past month, the road patrol position has been filled.

Kanable stated there is a letter from Barb Scott letting the committee know that vendors have been contacted for the 911 system. Costs still look to be in the \$150,000 range. This is the project where the county was told there would be funding and there is none. Motion to approve Barb Scott to move forward with the RFP, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Clark stated that Frontier already has this figured out for the county, but the county has not figured out that they want to use Frontier yet. Clark finds it appalling that one company has stated this is the way things need to be done and the county hasn't decided on this yet. Clark thinks it's a

good thing that Ms. Scott has slowed the process to see if there are other options out there besides what Frontier is stating needs to be done. Clark states this needs to move quickly, but we also need to make sure we get all the facts as well. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #11: K-9 Grant: Sheriff Bindl stated there is a grant regarding the K-9. The grant is for K-9 needs and supplies. Motion to approval of moving forward with the grant by Gary Peters. Second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #12: Approval to advertise for the County Stray Animal Rescue (Dog Catcher) Contract: This contract expires at the end of 2018, the department is looking to advertise for bids in time for the budget process. Motion made by Gary Peters to approve being able to advertise for this contract. Second to this motion made by Larry Sebranek. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #13: Approval to advertise for the Jail Locks Contract: This contract expires at the end of 2018, the department is looking to advertise for bids in time for the budget process. Motion made by Melissa Luck to approve being able to advertise for this contract. Second to this motion made by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #14: Patrol vacancy filled: Sheriff Bindl stated that Nicholas Graham was hired to fill this vacancy. He will begin employment on June 18, 2018.

Agenda Item #15: Discussion and approval to advertise for eligibility list: The current eligibility list has been used up and the department is looking to advertise to create a new eligibility list.

Agenda Item #16: Opening and awarding of squad bid: There were two bids coming in regarding a new squad which will be a Dodge Charger. Fillback Ford bid was \$22,620 and Sleepy Hollow was \$22,843.50. Motion by Buford Marshall to accept the Fillback Ford bid for one Dodge Charger, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #17: Fire Chiefs Letter on communications: Chief Deputy Kanable informed the committee members of a letter signed by area fire departments regarding issues with radio communications of the county. Currently the letter has been signed by five of the eight local fire chiefs. Kanable informed the committee that the system does need to be replaced and that one major complaint of the local fire departments is that the radio system is no longer adequate. Kanable stated that this would require an entirely new radio system, which would cost somewhere around \$3,000,000. Kanable stated there are three different companies that would be willing to talk to the county regarding this project. Currently there is nothing available as far as any type of grant to help cover some of these costs. Clark from REC commented on the narrow banding factor and how radio frequencies work when it comes to communications. Clark commented on the First Net system and how it works with emergency services. Kanable states at this point he would like to see the county agree for the department to search out a consultant to see what information there would be and if it would be possible to move forward. Other counties found funding and

assistance, but currently there is not that same funding available. Motion by Larry Sebranek for the department to search out a consultant to gather facts and figures for this project and also to forward this on to Finance and Personnel to see what funding is available through the county and where the money will come from to cover these costs. Second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Peters believes that looking for a consultant will take too much time and something needs to be done sooner than later. Peters would like to have the department get the information and figures directly from Motorola. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #18: Guests in support of a new radio system: Sue Pilla stated that as a First Responder if communications are not working properly those first responders could be put into a serious safety situation. Clements stated his concerns are the same as committee member Peters, time is an issue and something needs to be done before there is a major issue that creates a safety concern. Clements stated that the committee also has to remember that these costs will decrease the longer the county waits and he commends the committee for wanting to move forward. Clark states the good part of having a consultant is that a consultant can actually speed up the process not slow it down. Clark states if you use a consultant in a limited role they can really benefit the county and what needs to be done for good communications.

Agenda Item #19: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Sheriff Bindl wanted to discuss squad updates. Sheriff Bindl discussed how our Lt. squad has been down for 2 months, Chief Deputy squad has been down for a month and last night our Investigator squad went down. The thought is to look for used squads, currently there is a 2013 squad available through the Muscoda Police Department as their chief is going to retire. The mileage for this used vehicle is 101,000. Sheriff Bindl states that the department needs four squads, outside of the 3 the county is already getting. If this used squad can be obtained then he would only need 3 additional squads. There was discussion regarding the costs of equipment for new squads. The department will have \$23,000 left over once the 2 squads have been purchased. Kanable stated that between the Lieutenant and Chief Deputy one person will take a squad if available and the other person will take a personal vehicle if needed at a call. The current Chief Deputy vehicle has been used for employees going to training, which saves more money than paying out mileage to those people going to training and using a personal vehicle. Motion to purchase a used vehicle from Muscoda Police Department and forward to Personnel and Finance made by Buford Marshall, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved. The Sheriff stated the department is still in need of 3 squads to cover the lack of squads. The new car outlay would be left with around \$16,000 if this used squad is purchased. A new Dodge Sedan would cost around \$43,000 new (equipment included in that cost). The Lieutenant and Chief Deputy squads costs less as they are set up with less equipment than a regular road patrol squad. 3 new SUV squads would cost around \$90,000, 3 new Charger squads would cost less than that. There are problems with the Dodge Chargers after the 100,000 mile mark. Brewer stated that he thinks there needs to be more money in the new car outlay when budget time comes around for the next year but budget time will be tight again this year. Motion made by Larry Sebranek to move this forward to Personnel and Finance critical needs for 3 new squads for \$129,000 beyond the amount budgeted in the new car outlay, second to this motion by Gary Peters. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #20: Adjourn; Motion by Gary Peters to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Buford Marshall. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler