

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, June 12, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, June 12, 2020 at 9:00am in the County Board Room of the Richland County Court House in Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present at the meeting or by Webex were: Committee Chair Melissa Luck and Committee members David Turk, Kerry Severson, and Chad Cosgrove. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Jim Bindl, Chief Deputy Clay Porter, Lt. Dane Kanable, Deputy Aaron Wallace and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting in person or by Webex were Richland County Clerk of Circuit Court Stacy Kleist, DA Jennifer Harper, Jenifer Laue, Clinton Langreck, Shaun Lopez-Murphy and Coroner James Rossing.

Agenda Item #1: Call to Order: Committee Chair Luck called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for June 12, 2020 LEJC Meeting: Committee Chair Luck confirmed with Sheriff Bindl that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Luck declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for June 12, 2020 Meeting: Motioned by David Turk to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the May 8, 2020 LEJC Meeting: There were a couple of minor errors in the minutes that were corrected. Motion by David Turk to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

Agenda Item #5: Coroner Updates: James Rossing reported 18 deaths in the month of May. There was one overdose and one auto accident, there are two autopsies pending.

Agenda Item #6: Clerk of Court Update: Clerk of Court Kleist went over her reports with the committee members. Kleist discussed the progress of the video conferencing system with the committee. Traffic court has resumed again via Zoom, it may be this way until August and then at this point will be in person again beginning in September. Kleist discussed that masks will be provided during in person court proceedings, masks are required. During jury trials there will have to be temperatures taken and hand sanitizer available and the County Board Room would have to be accessible along with other rooms in the courthouse. Kleist talked about phone lines being tied up by everyone phoning in during court proceedings, and that it would be nice to have a phone line dedicated to court proceedings so that fax lines and office lines wouldn't be tied up.

Agenda Item #7: Probate Updates: Jen Laue went over her reports with the committee members. Jen discussed with the committee members what happens in her department and in court. Currently Laue does not have an assistant and Stacy has been her backup. Laue is finding that after two years without an assistant that she is not able to cover the office if she is in court or if she decides to take vacation or just not available. Laue commented that everything in her office is confidential, she is not able to keep up with just herself in the office and in court and she feels that she is doing her office and the county an injustice by not having an assistant. Prior to Laue taking over 2 years ago, there had been an assistant in that position for 10 years. Laue is asking that the deputy clerk of court position be filled, but be under the probate department and located in her office and she will have this item on the next agenda for the July meeting.

Agenda Item #8: District Attorney Updates: DA Harper discussed her budget with the committee members. Harper also discussed a new policy in her department regarding citations, not guilty pleas and pre-trial hearings.

Agenda Item #9: 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 David Turk, second by Kerry Severson. Motion approved. Sheriff Bindl went over the jail statistic reports with the committee members.

Agenda Item #10: Discussion regarding Use of Force and training: Luck wanted this item on the agenda regarding Use of Force and what it is for the Sheriff's Department and how training happens for a new hire and continuing education on this subject. Chief Deputy Porter discussed the policy that the department follows and this policy also follows the training that's done at the State in the academy. The department currently does 2 to 3 firearms training a year, this is partnered with the Police Department. DAAT training is also done at least once a year. Lt. Kanable informed the committee of a scenario training video system that is used in training during DAAT training which is provided by the state. Training at the academy is a total of 720 hours and then once hired at the department a new hire is put with an (FTO) Field Training Officer. Department trainings are done at facilities within the county and they are combined with the Police Department. Each department has certified instructors. Luck talked about body camera video and how it is used, she also talked about if there are certain things that aren't allowed in the department for use of force. Lt. Kanable informed the committee that he's been a DAAT instructor for 20 years and something like chokeholds are not a trained technique. Porter added that in training, everyone is shown techniques that are to be used. Porter talked about training is done regarding de-escalating the situation and training past the point of combative situations. There are mutual aid agreements in place with other counties and agencies if back up is needed. A Use of Force report is filled out by the deputy if any type of force is used during an incident. This form includes what type of force was used and if the deputy or any person was injured during the incident. Porter informed the committee that as long as he can remember there has not been any complaint on a use of force used during a complaint. Body Cameras are used in the department, they are activated at a call or incident and are protection not only for the deputies, but also for any person involved in the incidents.

Agenda Item #11: Approval to re-open the eligibility list for the Sheriff's Department: The department is asking to re-open the eligibility list due to the fact that we only had one female applicant and now there is an open position in the jail for a female. The department would like to open both the male and female list. Motion to approve this made by Kerry Severson, second to this motion by David Turk. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #12: Approval of Traffic Equipment Grant: The department has been awarded a \$4000 equipment grant and would like the committee's approval for the grant and forward this grant for approval to the county board. Motion to approve this grant and forward to the County Board made by David Turk, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved. The equipment portion is a part of the Click It or Ticket Grant and the Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over Grant which we have been a part of. Clinton informed the department that this should be put on the agenda for the next County Board meeting.

Agenda Item #10: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Discussion of the status of the radio tower project.

Agenda Item #16: Adjourn; Motion by Kerry Severson to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, July 10, 2020 at 9:00am. Second to this motion by Melissa Luck. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler