

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
MEETING
Friday, August 14, 2020**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, August 14, 2020 at 9:00am via Webex.

Committee members present at the meeting were: Committee Chair Melissa Luck and Committee members David Turk, Kerry Severson, Chad Cosgrove. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Jim Bindl, Chief Deputy Clay Porter, 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, and Jenifer Laue.

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 August 14, 2020 LEJC Meeting: Committee Chair Luck confirmed that the meeting was properly posted. Upon receiving confirmation Luck declared meeting properly posted.

Agenda Item #3: Read and Approve the Agenda for August 14, 2020 Meeting: Motioned by Chad Cosgrove to approve the agenda. 2nd to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion passed.

Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the July 10, 2020 LEJC Meeting: Motion by Kerry Severson to approve the minutes as printed. 2nd to this motion by Chad Cosgrove. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

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

Agenda Item #6: Clerk of Court Update: Kleist went over her reports with the committee members. The ground work starting in the small courtroom is beginning to make headway. Nothing has been done on the video or audio system for the courtroom as of yet. The Clerk of Court office is currently on the old phone system, but probably needs to get looked at to get the phone lines upgraded for her office.

Agenda Item #7: Probate Updates: Jenifer Laue went over her reports with the committee members. She briefly commented on the position that was discussed in previous meetings that would be working in her department.

Agenda Item #8: District Attorney Updates: DA Harper was unable to attend this meeting and gave updates to the committee members via email.

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 for payment made by David Turk, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved.

Sheriff Bindl went over the jail statistics report with the committee members. There was a Covid exposure in the jail in July, staff was put on quarantine and all are now back to work.

Agenda Item #10: Committee approval to hire a casual Road Patrol

Deputy: An application was received from Karl Fredriksen, he currently works for the RCPD and would be on a call in status for our department for the road patrol. Motion to approve this application and hiring made by Kerry Severson, second by Chad Cosgrove. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #11: Sick leave used during Covid-19 quarantine for the Sheriff's Department: There was a Covid exposure in the jail in July, which came from an inmate that was brought into our jail. Several staff in the jail were put on quarantine and required to use their sick time, which led new hires to go into the negative. The dollars spent and hours are being documented and will be brought forward to Finance & Personnel for reimbursement from the State. Motion to approve reimburse the money spent and hours restored to staff and sending this info forward to Finance made by Chad Cosgrove, second to this motion made by David Turk. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #12: Update the Sheriff's Department Addendum regarding compensatory time: At the last Finance meeting there was a change made to the compensatory time and increased to a full week. Chief Deputy Porter would like to see the sheriff's addendum wording be changed to reflect this as well. This will be going in front of the County Board on Tuesday and we can't make change to the wording until that meeting is completed. Motion made to take this change in wording to move forward to Finance & Personnel by Chad Cosgrove, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #13: Project Lifesaver Program: Representative Lee Borkowski was present. This program deals with people who are at risk to wander. These people are monitored by the sheriff's department and notify caregivers of people who are at risk to wander. These people are fit with a bracelet or device they wear and that way they can be tracked if they would wander away from their caregivers. Most county use 2 receivers, because of our area and landscape, our county would need 3 receivers. The initial cost would be \$10,000 that the program would raise and the sheriff's department would monitor this program once up and running. This program can reduce search time and cost to the department when someone goes missing. The program would take care of all costs, the sheriff's department would just be providing man hours. Sheriff Bindl was on board with this program and would have staff that could help monitor this program. The city would need to come on board with the program so that they could monitor people at risk within the city. This item will be put on the agenda next month and updates can be given at that time.

Agenda Item #14: Radio Tower project updates: Approval for the RFP was given at a prior meeting. Chief Deputy Porter informed the committee that he met with MIS to work on an RFP. There was a previous proposal that was submitted from Baycom Communications, Porter went over the specifics of that proposal with the committee. Luck stated that the committee would like the department to move forward with doing an RFP. A representative from Baycom informed the committee

that they could build towers. Porter will follow up with Corp Counsel regarding his thoughts on what and how the department will move forward with this project. Severson stated that once this project gets underway, it would be a good idea if a sub-committee would be developed with representatives from Fire, Emergency Government, Sheriff's Department and other departments to aid in the development of the project. The initial project may have to have funding come from the borrowing, as there is not money in just the Sheriff's Department budget. This money would come from the borrowing for 2021. Motion to send to the Rules Committee to create a sub-committee for the radio tower project made by Kerry Severson, second to this motion by Chad Cosgrove. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #15: AED project updates: Chief Deputy Porter currently has only one bid for this project and was hoping to receive another, but has not received any further bids. Porter would like to explore another vendor or vendors that could possibly provide compatible devices.

Agenda Item #16: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates: Squads – the department are still waiting on the new squads to be built. They should be completed yet this month. The mileage is high for at least 8 of the squads. Squads are still being shared even though some deputies have their own squads, it is the hope of the department to get a squad for every deputy and then mileage shouldn't climb quite as fast and the department can get more longevity out of the fleet.

Agenda Item #17: Adjourn; Motion by Kerry Severson to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, September 11, 2020 at 9:00am. Second to this motion by Chad Cosgrove. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler