

**RICHLAND COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEE  
MEETING  
Friday, April 8, 2022**

The Richland County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee met on Friday, April 8, 2022 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 Melissa Luck and Committee members David Turk, Kerry Severson, Bob Frank and Chad Cosgrove. Present from the Richland County Sheriff's Department were Sheriff Clay Porter, Chief Deputy Aaron Wallace, and Amber Muckler. Also present for the meeting or a portion of the meeting was Barb Scott, Jenifer Laue, Clinton Langreck, True North, Driftless Music Garden, and Police Chief Billy Jones.

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

**Agenda Item #2: Read and Approve Notice of Posting for April 8, 2022 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 April 8, 2022 Meeting:** Motioned by Chad Cosgrove to approve the agenda. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item #4: Read and Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2022 LEJC Meeting:** Motion by Bob Frank to approve the minutes as printed. 2<sup>nd</sup> to this motion by Chad Cosgrove. Motion passed, minutes accepted.

**Agenda Item #5: Driftless Music Garden Event Updates:** Representatives from the event were at this meeting to seek information from the committee or Sheriff's Department regarding any concerns or issues with the upcoming events. No issues were stated by anyone.

**Agenda Item #6: Coroner Updates:** No updates from the Coroner

**Agenda Item #7: Clerk of Court Update:** Reports were submitted to the committee prior to this meeting.

**Agenda Item #8: Probate Updates:** Jenifer Laue talked about who the reserve judges will be during the transition and change in a new county judge.

**Agenda Item #9: District Attorney Updates:** DA Harper talked about scheduling for upcoming LEJC meetings. Harper talked about the judge's transition and how it effects her office. She stated that a new judge is due to be on the payroll by May 9, 2022.

**Agenda Item #10: Approve monthly invoices and other Sheriff's**

**Department reports:** Sheriff Porter went over the invoices for the month with the committee members. Motion to approve the invoices for payment made by Chad Cosgrove, second to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion approved.

Sheriff Porter went over his jail statistics report with the committee members.

**Agenda Item #11: Central Square 911 software renewal invoice approval:**

Sheriff Porter stated this is for software approval that is budgeted for and will be taken out of the 911 Outlay. The cost of this software will be \$16,201 which will be an annual cost for the 911 support. Motion to approve this invoice made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by Chad Cosgrove. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #12: Discussion and possible approval for grant**

**opportunities:** Chief Deputy Wallace stated there are 3 different grants. The first is for body worn cameras and it's a match grant, this will be for body worn cameras for the jail. The costs for the cameras would be \$900 each and the thought is to obtain four to five cameras for the jail. These funds could possibly come out of jail assessment funds if needed to meet the matching funds. The second grant is a Heroin grant, this is not a match grant it would be 100% funded it is 1 million dollar grant. The Meth grant is a 2 million dollar grant which is also fully funded and could cover a ten year span. These drug grants could be used for staffing or equipment. Chief Deputy Wallace states the department is thinking of proposing a separate position for each grant, but they would also be willing to combine one position for both drug grants. Sheriff Porter stated by ordinance the department still has one open position. Motion to approve the department to approve applying for and accept these three grants made by Kerry Severson, second to this motion by Chad Cosgrove. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #13: Discussion and approval of new interview room project**

**costs:** Chief Deputy Wallace informed the committee that the department's current interview room is down and computers and cameras are not operating. The thought is to have a portion of the downstairs squad room created into a new interview room, there would need to be a partial wall and wiring for cameras and computers, the costs for this project would total just over \$2873 which would be taken out of the current budget and is covered by the budget. This will have to run through by resolution by the Public Works committee. Motion to approve this project and costs made by Chad Cosgrove, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved.

**Agenda Item #14: Radio Tower Project Updates:**

Supervisor Frank went over the FAQ and questions that were brought up at a previous meeting. Frank talked about number of towers and height of the towers to get proper reception. Mike Day from True North discussed the questions regarding decision about the towers and height needs. Mr. Day states that he proposes 8.3 million for the radio project costs with some slight increases that were needed, he went over those separate increases with the committee members. \$300,000 will be added to the proposal to cover the jail locks system which the county was told would need to be changed because the current system runs off of the dispatch console and the new system would not be able to be operated that way. There was discussion about payments that will need to be made and the timeline of those payments and borrowing timeline challenges. Carol Worth talked about the phase financing timelines with the committee members. Luck

states the important thing today is to come to an agreement on what the borrowing number will need to be. Motion to determine a “not to exceed” amount of \$8.3 million which was recommended by True North made by Bob Frank, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. There was further discussion about the borrowing process and timelines needed for borrowing and payments. Motion made by Chad Cosgrove to amend the previous motion to a “not to exceed” amount of \$8.5 million, second to this motion by Kerry Severson. Motion approved to amend the first motion. Motion approved to approve the “not to exceed” the \$8.5 million.

**Agenda Item #15: Radio project RFP review and recommendation:** This item will be moved to the May agenda.

**Agenda Item #16: Mapping, Radio System & Squad Updates:** Borrowed funds were approved for the new squads, new squads have been ordered. Squad mileage was discussed briefly with the committee members. Retired squads have been put out for purchase to other agencies.

**Agenda Item #17: Future agenda items:** None

**Agenda Item #18: Adjourn;** Motion by Kerry Severson to adjourn until the regular LEJC meeting on Friday, May 13, 2022 at 8:30am. Second to this motion by Bob Frank. Motion passed, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted by Office Manager, Amber Muckler