

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Health and Human Services Committee Thursday, July 15, 2021

Chair Dondlinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisors Timothy Dondlinger, Kathleen Cummings, Jeremy Walz, Jim Batzko, Joel Gaughan, and Ted Wysocki. **Absent:** Steve Whittow.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Accounting Services Coordinator Lisa Davis, Business Services Administrator Donn Hoffmann, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj, Administrative Services Manager Randy Setzer, Accounting Services Manager Danielle Igielski, Deputy Health & Human Services Director Lisa Roberts, and Adolescent & Family Services Manager Ron Pupp.

Presentation on Criminal Justice Collaborating Council

Luczaj gave a PowerPoint presentation on the CJCC which included information on history, membership, mission statement, priorities, budget, programming, eligibility and enrollment, OWI and Drug Treatment Courts, Day Report Center, alternatives to incarceration and cost savings, grant activities, program outcomes, and initiatives.

Ordinance 176-O-046 Reauthorize the Use of the Secure and Non-Secure Detention Facilities for Short-Term Detention

Pupp discussed this ordinance which authorizes Department staff to continue to place adjudicated delinquent juveniles into secure and non-secure detention for up to 72 hours as a result of a violation of a juvenile court order. Reauthorization is required every two years.

MOTION: Gaughan moved, second by Batzko to approve Ordinance 176-O-046. Motion carried 6-0.

Ordinance 176-O-047 Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to Cease Juvenile Secure Detention Operations at the Juvenile Center; Create, Abolish, and Reclassify Positions to Continue Services Through a Contracted Solution; and Modify the 2021 Non-Departmental Budget
Roberts, Setzer, and Pupp were present to this ordinance which authorizes the Department to cease juvenile secure detention operations at the Juvenile Center facility and instead provide these services through a contract with other counties' juvenile secure detention programs.

Pupp said the need for secure detention has decreased over the last 20 years and other methods that were used, such as electronic monitoring and intensive supervision, during COVID-19 were successful and will continue when appropriate. Staff often sit in an empty building because there are no youths.

This ordinance authorizes the creation, abolishment, and reclassification of positions to carry out the monitoring and coordination of care under this contracted solution. This ordinance also modifies the

2021 Non-Departmental budget to increase personnel costs and use of General Fund balance by \$67,000 to cover above-budget severance/retention costs. This proposal would eliminate the need for most 24/7 staffing at the juvenile center and this ordinance would abolish 8.50 FTE positions, including 6.50 FTE juvenile center workers and 2.00 FTE juvenile center supervisors. The department also budgets for 1.29 FTE of temporary extra help and overtime expenses at the Juvenile Center which would not be needed going forward, resulting in additional cost reductions. This ordinance is projected to have a favorable ongoing tax levy impact of \$451,000.

Wysocki would have liked to have seen the contract and had concerns with increased travel for families. Cummings said she would be voting no and felt this was in the making since 2015 and has nothing to do with successes during COVID-19. Dondlinger shared Wysocki's concern about the increased travel but agrees that eliminating this operation at the Juvenile Center is justified.

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Gaughan to approve Ordinance 176-O-047. Motion carried 5-1. Cummings voted no.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 176-O-044 Modify The 2021-2025 Capital Plan And 2021 Capital Project Budget To Modify Scope For Capital Project #202014 HHS Electronic Medical Record Module Improvements And Retitle Project To HHS Technology System Enhancements

Setzer, Hoffmann, and Igielski were present to discuss this ordinance which modifies the 2021-2025 Capital Plan to modify the scope and budget for this project. The expanded scope of the project would include a new contract management application estimated to cost \$174,000. The ordinance would also increase project budget authority by \$36,000 for the Public Health application replacement based on additional functionality needs identified during its experience with the COVID-19 pandemic. The ordinance would increase project budget authority by \$210,000 in total.

This ordinance would also increase the revenue budget by \$210,000 to offset the new costs. Guidance from the U.S. Treasury indicates that projects that enhance public health, behavioral health, and other HHS services and data systems are eligible for funding under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSLFRF) program. This includes existing project expenditure authority prior to this ordinance of \$520,000 which will offset the need for Capital Project Fund balance that was previously assumed for these project costs.

The estimated ongoing levy impact for the new contract management application is estimated at \$16,000 annually and would need to be prioritized within the department's future tax levy targets. The module is expected to generate operating efficiencies and reduce risk in establishing and managing contracts.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 176-O-044. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve Minutes of June 10, 2021

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of June 10. Motion carried 6-0.

Next Meeting Date

- August 12, 19, or before the August board meeting (TBD).

Executive Committee Report of June 14, 2021

Dondlinger said the Executive Committee approved two ordinances and six appointments.

Legislative Update

Spaeth gave an update on the state budget process and redistricting.

MOTION: Walz moved, second by Cummings to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Walz

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Secretary