

**Minutes of the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
Friday, January 14, 2022**

Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors Peter Wolff, Christine Howard, Mike Crowley, Tyler Foti, Darlene Johnson, Jacob LaFontain, and Larry Nelson.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Director of Emergency Preparedness Gary Bell, Emergency Management Coordinator Gail Goodchild, Senior Financial Analysts Alex Klosterman and Clara Daniels; Senior Human Resources Analyst Jane Barwick, Natalie Durr, and Audrey Key; District Attorney Sue Opper, Paralegal April DeValkenaere, Office Services Coordinator Julie Moelter, Chief Judge Jennifer Dorow, Court Commissioner David Herring, and Sophia Criminal Justice Chair Kelly Goodman.

Approve Minutes of December 10

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of December 10. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 176-O-103 Modify the 2022 Department of Emergency Preparedness Budget to Create 1.0 FTE Programs and Projects Analyst Position and Unfund One Regular Full-Time Telecommunicator Position

Bell and Goodchild discussed this ordinance to unfund a currently vacant Telecommunicator position, Open Range 6 (\$23.27/hour minimum, \$27.03/hour mid-point, \$30.78/hour maximum) and create one Programs and Projects Analyst position, Open Range 10 (\$28.29/hour minimum, \$32.85/hour mid-point, \$37.40/hour maximum). The previous incumbent in the now-vacant Telecommunicator position was providing support to the Disaster Management division. Staff believes that nature of work is more appropriately carried out by a Programs and Projects Analyst whereby the duties and responsibilities were discussed. The reason this position was not included in the 2022 budget was because the department was unaware that the position would be vacant at the time.

The 1.00 FTE Programs and Projects Analyst position is estimated to cost \$93,150. The 1.00 FTE unfunded Telecommunicator position is currently budgeted at \$72,300. The remaining expenditure authority to fund this position will consist of a \$20,850 transfer from operating expenses to personnel expenses to cover the remaining costs. The operating accounts that are being reduced in the Communication Center's budget includes \$12,000 from telephone line expenses resulting from receiving preferable pricing through an alternative vendor and \$8,850 from a software maintenance account, which department management anticipate will be underspent. This ordinance results in no tax levy impact.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Nelson to approve Ordinance 176-O-103. Motion carried 7-0.

Ordinance 176-O-104 Modify the 2022 District Attorney's Budget to Accept the Bureau of Justice Administration Smart Prosecution Grant, Appropriate Grant Expenditures and Create one Regular Part-Time Grant Funded Sunset Positions

Opper, DeValkenaere, and Moelter discussed this ordinance which authorizes the District Attorney's Office to accept \$340,000 of Smart Prosecution grant funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). This ordinance also modifies the 2022 District Attorney budget by increasing personnel costs by \$43,984, operating expenses by \$111,467, interdepartmental charges by \$14,549, and general government revenues by \$170,000. The grant period is through 9/30/23 and the remaining \$170,000 of this grant will be included in the department's 2023 budget request.

Personnel costs include the creation of one new regular part-time Administrative Assistant and 0.25 FTE of temporary extra help. The Administrative Assistant is a sunset position and will be reduced or eliminated when funding is reduced or eliminated. Operating expenses include \$96,157 for a contracted ADA Prosecutor provided through the state, \$14,471 for software and computer equipment, and \$839 of other operating expenses. Interdepartmental charges consist of indirect cost recovery of \$14,549. This ordinance does not result in a direct tax levy impact.

Presentation on Risk Assessments and Bail

Dorow discussed this item as outlined in a PowerPoint presentation which included information on bail history, Wisconsin Constitution and State Statutes as it pertains to bail, release eligibility, preventative detention, the County's pretrial services timeline, the Wisconsin pretrial pilot project and pretrial risk assessment, and the Wisconsin Legislative Study Committee on Bail. Dorow cautioned against legislative changes that would limit their discretion on bail and would like to expand the use of risk assessments. She discussed bail, a complex issue, in detail and noted bail jumping is not the norm but the exception. Dorow will return to a future meeting to continue this discussion with Justice Services Coordinator Rebecca Luczaj.

Presentation on Sentencing Options, Alternatives to Incarceration and Electronic Monitoring

This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

Next Meeting Date

- February 11

Executive Committee Report of December 13

Wolff said the Executive Committee approved four appointments and met in closed session to discuss pending litigation regarding the opioid crisis.

Legislative Update

Ignatowski gave an update on redistricting and ballot drop boxes.

MOTION LaFontain moved, second by Crowley to adjourn at 10:00 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary