

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee

Friday, September 11, 2020

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

Present: Supervisors Peter Wolff, Mike Crowley, Darlene Johnson, and Larry Nelson. Christine Howard arrived at 8:33 a.m. **Absent:** Tyler Foti and Steve Whittow.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Business Manager Josh Joost, Deputy Inspector Patrick Esser, Public Works Director Allison Bussler, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Interim Clerk of Circuit Courts Monica Paz, Programs and Projects Analyst Laura Haight, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, and Budget Management Specialist Michelle Beasley.

Approve Minutes: July 17, 2020

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Nelson to approve the minutes of July 17. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Committee Report: July 20, 2020 and August 17, 2020

Wolff said the Executive Committee, at their last two meetings, heard a presentation on Waukesha County's Center for Growth, approved several appointments, reviewed the proposed scope for the IT project implementation audit, and heard an update on IT projects.

Howard arrived at 8:33 a.m.

Future Agenda Items

- Tour Courthouse Tower Project (Johnson)
- Use of Force Policy and Critical Incident Policy (Nelson)

Future Meeting Dates

- October 2, 2020 (budget review)
- October 16, 2020

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 175-O-043 Modify the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department 2020 Budget to Accept the Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant from the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice and to Authorize Grant Expenditures

Joost and Esser were present to discuss this ordinance which modifies the 2020 Sheriff's Department budget by \$47,250 by appropriating Intergovernmental Revenue from the State Department of Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Grant. The funds will provide an additional \$17,000 in equipment, \$15,000 in training, \$10,250 in supplies, and \$5,000 in drug buy money. These are all costs associated with starting a drug interdiction program. This program would be operated with existing staff and future equipment replacement will likely be paid for using other grant funds. This ordinance results in no direct additional tax levy impact.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 175-O-043. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 175-O-044 Modify the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department 2020 Budget to Accept the BJA FY 20 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and to Authorize Grant Expenditures

Joost and Esser were present to discuss this ordinance which modifies the 2020 Sheriff's Department budget by \$58,008 by appropriating Intergovernmental Revenue from the US Department of Justice Office of Justice Assistance. The funds are for a Skytron disinfecting unit (\$40,800) for the Jail Division and for other supplies (\$17,208) such as masks and gloves associated with officer safety. This ordinance results in no direct additional tax levy impact.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Johnson to approve Ordinance 175-O-044. Motion carried 5-0.

Review, Discuss and Consider 2021-2025 Capital Projects Plan: Public Works – Courthouse Projects #201418 and #201705

Bussler and staff discussed the secure courtroom construction and the renovation of the 1959 courthouse as outlined in the 2021-2025 Capital Projects Plan. No major concerns were raised.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Howard to recommend approval of Capital Projects #201418 and #201705 to the Executive Committee. Motion carried 5-0.

2019 Annual Jury Program Report

Paz and Haight were present to discuss this report as outlined. In 2019, there were 59 jury trials in which jurors were called to report in for service although ultimately, six did not proceed and one began and ended with a hung jury. In 2019, the total cost of the program was \$97,208 and there were 114 total jury days. Waukesha County's Voluntary Juror Donation Program allows jurors to voluntarily donate their jury pay and/or travel fee back to the Jury Program. In 2019, \$5,491 was donated back to the program to be used toward improvements. Of the 425 jurors who completed a survey in 2019, 33% had an excellent opinion of jury service before they served. After service, 66% had an excellent opinion of jury service, an increase of 33%.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Crowley to accept the 2019 Annual Jury Program Report. Motion carried 5-0.

Legislative Update

Ignatowski updated the committee on Department of Transportation revenues and the Speaker's new task force.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Nelson to adjourn at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

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