

**Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
December 8, 2017**

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

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Peter Wolff (Chair), Jennifer Grant, Jim Batzko, Bill Zaborowski, Timothy Dondlinger and Kathleen Cummings. **Absent:** Mike Crowley

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Inspector James Gumm, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, District Attorney Sue Opper, Office Services Coordinator Dani Danielski, and Senior Financial Analyst Mark Yatchak. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of November 28 2017

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the minutes of November 28, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Future Meeting Date: January 12, 2018

Future Agenda Items: Huber tour and update (Crowley), Dispatch Center expansion upon completion

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-060: Modify The 2017 District Attorney's Office Budget To Appropriate Expenditures For Operating And Increase Charges For Services Revenue

Opper said this ordinance is to modify the District Attorney budget by appropriating operating expenditures of \$10,000 for trial preparation costs and increasing charges for services revenues by \$10,000. The office provides copies of discoverable case file materials to defendants being prosecuted. With increased case complexity and digital formats, the production of these case files are billed per page and per digital media basis by charging the defendants and/or their defense counsel representatives. Opper projects operating expenditures to exceed the 2017 budget due to trial preparation expenses related to expert witness services provided on a number of high profile and complex homicide trials this year. Wolff asked if there is a limit on how much can be charged, and Opper said aside from the statute there is not a limit. The amount has not been changed in over ten years.

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second to Batko approve Ordinance 172-O-060. Motion passed 6-0.

Legislative Update

Spaeth updated the committee on the speaker's taskforce on foster care which produced thirteen pieces of legislation to fix the foster care system. She highlighted the grant program and the study to lower worker caseload. With the end of session in sight, a large amount of new bills will be introduced and move quickly through the legislature. The bill to place sexually violent persons upon release had an amendment that the persons would return to their municipality. The bill still states the County would be responsible for placement, which the County opposes. The League of Municipalities and Wisconsin Counties Association have been fighting for the dark stores bill. A new bill which just had a hearing is for early in-person votes to be placed in the ballot box. Municipalities can choose whether or not to do so.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-061: Modify The 2017 Sheriff's Department Budget To Appropriate Expenditure Authority For Personnel And Increase Interdepartmental Revenue, Charges For Services Revenue, And Other Revenue

Johnson said this ordinance modifies the budget to appropriate personnel expenditures of \$231,000 for additional overtime, and increasing charges for services revenue by \$125,000, interdepartmental revenue by \$75,000 and other revenue such as increased jail commissary by \$31,000. This is due to high position vacancies and turnover experiences for jail security and general patrol. There is also the need to pay overtime for shift coverage and newly hired staff working through training programs requiring the hire of overtime to count

toward shift minimums. The Department provides bailiff services and transportation services to Circuit Court and Health and Human Services as well as inmate housing for other law enforcement agencies such as the Department of Corrections and Probation and Parole. Billing is based on actual staff hours required and miles traveled to provide the service.

MOTION: Grant moved, second to Dondlinger approve Ordinance 172-O-061. Motion passed 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-062: Accept Donated Fitness Equipment For The Sheriff's Department Workout Room

Johnson said the Wisconsin Athletic Club expressed interest in donating used fitness equipment for the Sheriff's Department workout room including two treadmills, three stationary bikes, six weight machines and one leg press machine. The value of the equipment is approximately \$12,500 and will not be included in a replacement plan and replacement will not be levy funded. Gumm spoke to the health and fitness initiative of the Department and how much this donation helps achieve this goal.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second to Cummings approve Ordinance 172-O-062. Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Dondlinger to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Grant
Secretary