

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
August 10, 2017

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

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

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Financial Analyst Joshua Joost, Deputy Inspector Torin Misko, Inspector James Gumm, and Medical Examiner Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of May 12, 2017

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Batzko to approve the minutes of May 12, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

Correspondence

- Fund transfer request for the Medical Examiner's Office

Executive Committee Report of June 19, 2017 and July 17, 2017

Wolff reported on the following items discussed at the last Executive Committee meetings:

- Heard an overview of the 2017-2021 County Library Plan
- Provided input on the County Board Strategic Plan
- Heard an update on the Waukesha County Center for Growth (WCCG)
- Discussed and considered appointments, an ordinance and a resolution
- Heard an update on the Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee and the Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board
- Heard County Board committee reports by committee chairs

Future Meeting Date: September 15, 2017 (Capital Projects), September 29, 2017 (Budget Review)

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-025: Accept The 2017 State Of Wisconsin Department Of Transportation Highway Safety Grant And Modify Waukesha County Sheriff Department's 2017 Budget To Authorize Grant Expenditures

Gumm said the State Department of Transportation (DOT) made grant funds available for targeted enforcement activities to improve vehicular safety. Road segments patrolled by the Sheriff's Department were identified as at-risk based on crash frequency due to alcohol use or travel speed, making this funding source available to the County. The Sheriff's Department applied for and received \$50,000 in Highway Safety Grant funding to reduce alcohol impaired driving, reduce speeding, and encourage the use of safety belts to reduce the number or severity of vehicle crashes. The Department was awarded \$111,631 in 2017 for targeted enforcement activities, and is proposing this amendment to increase the personnel appropriation unit by \$57,693 to fund overtime, and the operating appropriation unit by \$3,938 to purchase equipment including radar units and vehicle printers. Operating impacts are estimated to be normal for equipment repair and maintenance and will be absorbed within the existing budget. Batzko asked how long the money is expected to last. Johnson said the grants are opened at different times and are staggered to fit their needs, but for the most part they will be spent by September. Cummings asked about the process for using the grant. Johnson said a plan is submitted and then the

DOT works with the Department and accepts it. Wolff asked for clarification about where this fits into the budget.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 172-O-025. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-026: Modify The Sheriff's Department 2017 Budget To Accept And Appropriate Additional Revenue From Washington County For Mutual Aid Assistance

Gumm said mutual aid was provided to Washington County from June 12-18, 2017 to assist with the US Open held at Erin Hills Golf Course. The Department incurred \$141,141 in overtime, personnel and travel expenses associated with providing the mutual aid assistance and these expenses have been submitted to Washington County for full reimbursement. Grant asked where the money for this support including security and traffic came from. Gumm said the United States Golf Association funds law enforcement agency support to guarantee the event runs smoothly. Wolff asked for clarification about what the Department did for the U.S. Open and Misko described a number of varying posts. Zaborowski asked how many officers were on the ground and Misko said 21 officers and one supervisor.

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Grant to approve Ordinance 172-O-026. Motion carried 5-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 172-O-027: Modify The 2017 Sheriff's Department Budget To Accept And Appropriate Additional Revenue From The State Of North Dakota For Mutual Aid Assistance

Gumm said in February and March of 2017, the Sheriff's Department provided mutual aid assistance to the State of North Dakota for crowd control and security of the Dakota access oil pipeline. The State of North Dakota appropriated funds to cover costs associated with the mutual aid assistance provided by local governments and other state agencies. The Sheriff's Department submitted expenses which included personnel, overtime and related benefits, totaling \$125,746 for reimbursement. Batzko asked if any additional overtime expenses were incurred. Gumm said this reimbursement covers all overtime including officers in North Dakota and those who remained in the County.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 172-O-027. Motion carried 5-0.

Legislative Update

Spaeth said there is not much activity at the State level as most of the focus has been on Foxconn. It is hopeful the State budget will be passed by Labor Day.

Heard an Update on Medical Examiner's Contracted Services and Tour

Biedrzycki said the contracts with counties have been going very well. Walworth has contracted every service, and Washington County has contracted some services and it is a collaborative partnership. Contracts have increased and the estimated costs were accurate. Cummings asked if there have been any issues splitting her time. Biedrzycki said in Washington County she is the Medical Examiner but not the department head, so she doesn't go to the Washington County Board meetings. Instead, she supervises, attends District Attorney meetings, and arrives on scenes. In Walworth County, she is the department head, but does not go to many meetings in the county and spends minimal time traveling. Spaeth asked about the technology in the Medical Examiner's office. Biedrzycki said linking the system with Walworth has made work more efficient. Washington has its own system, separate from the County and Walworth.

A quarter of cases are drug related, but this is not a huge increase. Washington and Walworth are proportional to their population. There was a cost increase for analysis because of opiate analog combinations like Fentanyl. Originally, no lab had any test for the opiate combination on the streets. Grant asked how long results take to receive and Biedrzycki said two weeks. She also commented that the Drug Enforcement Administration and Medical Examiner are after different answers in the results they receive. In answering Cummings question, Biedrzycki said that there are multiple factors that account for overdoses.

The Committee was led on a tour of the Medical Examiner's Office.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Batzko to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Grant
Secretary