

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

**Minutes of the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
Friday, November 12, 2021**

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. Wolff, Nelson, and LaFontain left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Alex Ignatowski, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Mary Pedersen, Senior Financial Analyst Stephanie Kirby, Administration Director Andy Thelke, County Board Chair Paul Decker, Medical Examiner Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, and Deputy Medical Examiner Allison Wiess.

Approve Minutes of October 1, 2021

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of October 1. Motion carried 7-0.

Next Meeting Date

- December 10, 2021

Executive Committee Report of October 4, 26, and November 8, 2021

Wolff said the Executive Committee at their last three meetings reviewed 2022 operating budgets for UW-Extension, Bridges Library System, and Non-Departmental; considered sale values for County-owned foreclosure properties less than \$5,000; approved the Five-Year Capital Projects Plan; approved the appointment of Dan Driscoll as the new Veterans' Services Officer; approved three ordinances; heard a presentation on the final County Board District Map; and discussed holding joint meetings at budget time, and iPads for County Board Supervisors.

Legislative Update

Ignatowski gave an update on redistricting and the federal infrastructure bill, which passed last week, and he mentioned the soft infrastructure bill. He also gave an update on the state's audit committee which met on Tuesday to discuss the LAB audit of the 2020 election administration.

2020 Waukesha County Medical Examiner Annual Report

Biedrzycki and Weiss were present to discuss this report as outlined which included their mission statement, and information on death investigations as dictated by State Statute, office staff, facility specifications, and 2020 activities and caseload including statistics on manners of deaths.

Medical Examiner Workload and Staffing Issues

Biedrzycki discussed this item as outlined in her handout including the forensic pathology workforce shortage, steady increases in Waukesha County's caseload, 2005-2021 statistics including autopsies performed for other counties per contract; deaths by manner, age, and gender from 2012-2021;

deaths by type of substances identified from 2012-2021, and workload and medical examiner staffing from 2010-2021.

Wolff, Nelson, and LaFontain left the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Tour of Medical Examiner Office

Biedrzycki led the committee on a tour of the Medical Examiner's Office.

MOTION Johnson moved, second by Crowley to adjourn at 10:44 a.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael A. Crowley

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Secretary