

**Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee  
September 29, 2017**

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

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

**Others Present:** Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Sheriff Eric Severson, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Inspector James Gumm, Financial Analyst Joshua Joost, Deputy Inspector Torin Misko, Budget Manager Linda Witkowski, Senior Financial Budget Analyst Steven Trimborn, Senior Financial Analyst Mark Yatchak, Senior Financial Budget Analyst Clara Daniels, Medical Examiner Dr. Lynda Biedrzycki, Office Services Coordinator Nicole Bauer, Emergency Preparedness Director Gary Bell, Operations and Training Manager Sherri Stigler, Senior Financial Analyst Rob Dunn, Emergency Management Coordinator Kathy Schwei, Operations and Training Manager Sherri Stigler, Radio Systems Manager Chris Petterson, Supervisor Ted Wysocki, Supervisor Darlene Johnson, and Lieutenant Greg Kaepernick. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

**Approve Minutes of September 15, 2017**

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Dondlinger to approve the minutes of September 15, 2017. Motion carried 7-0.

**Executive Committee Report of September 18, 2017**

Wolff reported that the following items were discussed at the last Executive Committee meeting:

- Discussed proposed scopes for Parks and Land Use and Department of Administration tax listing audits
- Determined sale values on County-owned foreclosure properties less than \$5,000
- Considered and approved three appointments
- Heard standing committee reports from committee chairs.

**Future Meeting Date**

- October 13 (Budget & Regular Business)

**Future Agenda Item:** Staffing requirement for courthouse renovation

**Legislative Update**

Spaeth said the biggest bill out there now is Dark Stores, which is seeing much opposition from the lobbying entity for manufacturing and commerce. She said it will be a tough fight as there are votes in the Assembly but possibly not in the Senate. The Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) sent out an alert to Supervisors to contact their legislators in favor of Dark Stores. The speaker of the Assembly would like to be done with session by January 2018 so legislators can focus on reelection. Spaeth reported that the bill for plans for supervised release, representation of and making an appropriation for sexually violent persons had language added by Joint Finance, but that language was vetoed by the Governor. Since part of that language put responsibility on the County for finding homes after release where they were released instead of where they committed the crime, the veto was a positive result. However, it has been introduced as a bill to the same effect and Spaeth will be speaking with legislators about issues with taking on this responsibility. Other current bills relating to judiciary and law enforcement include custody for purposes of emergency detention, reporting on an operator license or identification card application the existence of a disability that is not immediately apparent to another, and venue requirements for domestic abuse, child abuse, and harassment cases.

**Discuss and Consider the 2018 Operating Budget for the Medical Examiner's Office**

Biedrzycki discussed the proposed 2018 operating budget for the Medical Examiner's Office including expenditures and revenues, the positions summary, investments, strategic outcomes and objectives, and program highlights. Both revenues and expenditures total \$2,284,765, an increase of \$89,956 or 4.1%. The County tax levy totals \$1,005,610, an increase of \$20,000 or 2.0%. The positions summary shows an increase of .03 for a total of 16.75. Expenditure costs include increased x-ray costs with a new vendor and specialized drug testing on new fentanyl analogs. Revenue

increases include fees for cremation and death certificates as well as increase in contract revenues. No major concerns were voiced pertaining to this budget.

MOTION: Dondlinger moved, second by Zaborowski to approve the 2018 budget for the Medical Examiner's Office. Motion carried 7-0.

**Discuss and Consider the 2018 Operating Budget for the Sheriff's Department**

Severson, Johnson, and Misko discussed the proposed 2018 operating budget for the Sheriff's Department including expenditures and revenues, the positions summary, investments, strategic outcomes and objectives, and program highlights. Both revenues and expenditures total \$40,808,960, an increase of \$1,083,207 or 2.7% from the adopted 2017 budget. The County tax levy totals \$28,516,481, an increase of \$415,000 or 1.5%. The positions summary shows an increase of 1.32 for a total of 372.39 FTE positions (anticipating the hiring of 3-4 additional deputies when construction of the courthouse renovations begin to avoid overtime costs). Expenditure increases include the purchase of a motorcycle using previously donated or asset forfeiture funds, annual replacement of bulletproof vests, shooting range fees and training, purchase of a replacement canine, and the potential conversion of a Licensed Practical Nurse to Registered Nurse. Budgeted overtime is 6,554 hours equivalent to 3.15 FTE. Grant expressed major concern pertaining to this budget and said she cannot vote in favor of the budget because she does not feel the department is getting what it needs. Severson said positions are funded but unfilled.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Grant to approve the 2018 budget for the Sheriff's Department. Motion carried 5-2. Cummings and Grant voted no.

**Discuss and Consider the 2018 Operating Budget for the Department of Emergency Preparedness**

Bell, Stigler and Dunn discussed the proposed 2018 operating budget for the Department of Emergency Preparedness including expenditures and revenues, the positions summary, investments, strategic outcomes and objectives, and program highlights. Total all funds, revenues total \$2,794,961, a decrease of -\$86,883 or -3.0%. The County tax levy totals \$5,927,294, an increase of \$237,000 or 4.2%. Expenditures total \$8,415,751, an increase of \$141,449 or 1.7%. The positions summary shows no change from 2017 for a total of 68.86 FTE positions. Appropriated fund balance will assist with the phase in of four FTE added in 2017 when the Village of Menomonee Falls became a partner municipally. Operating expense increases for first year support costs of the e911 system and Communications Center Expansion capital project to be completed in 2018 will enable the county to better manage and respond to large scale incidents. No major concerns were voiced pertaining to this budget.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Batzko to approve the 2018 budget for the Department of Emergency Preparedness. Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Dondlinger to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Grant  
Secretary