

**Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee**  
**Friday, October 16, 2015**

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

**Committee Members Present:**

Peter Wolff                      Janel Brandtjen                      Jim Batzko                      Robert Kolb  
Mike Crowley

**Committee Members Absent:**

Carl Pettis                      Kathleen Cummings

**Others Present:**

Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth	Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson
Inspector Jim Gumm	Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe
Director of Public Works Allison Bussler	Deputy Inspector Torin Misko
Judge Jennifer Dorow	Judge William Domina
Administrative Specialist Alison Ries	Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz

**Approve Minutes of October 2, 2015**

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Crowley to approve the minutes of October 2, 2015. Motion carried 5-0.

**Executive Committee Report of October 5, 2015**

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

- 2016 Non-Departmental Budget
- 2016 Library System Budget
- Capital Projects which included the Courthouse Project and Park Beach Renovations
- Update on the 2016 County Board Office Budget
- Other committee reports

**Future Agenda Items**

Overview of Jail Operations

Northview Use Analysis – Kathy Madden, Circuit Court

**Legislative Update**

Spaeth reported on bills related to:

- Returning non-violent, first-time 17-year-old offenders back to the juvenile justice system
- Requiring police to develop policies for executing no-knock search warrants and track SWAT team call-outs
- The right to a victim advocate for victims of child abuse and requiring social service agencies to report any abuse or neglect to police departments.

**Future Meeting Date**

- November 13, 2015
- December 4, 2015

**Discuss and Consider the Ordinance 170-O-063: Expenditure Of Seized Funds And General Fund Balance To Amend The 2015 Sheriff's Department Budget For The Purchase Of A Boat—October 2015**

Gumm reported that the boat is qualified under the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) program for a portion of reimbursement over a 5 year period. Responding to Brandtjen's question, Johnson stated the boat will be listed as a fixed asset with the department and will be entered into an equipment replacement plan.

MOTION: Crowley moved, Batzko second to approve Ordinance 170-O-063. Motion carried 5-0.

**Review Juvenile Court Incident of August 17, 2015 and Security Improvements to the Juvenile Center**

At Brandtjen's request, Gumm provided clarification of the events that occurred at Juvenile Court. Gumm stated that as a result of the incident, investigating and assessing the need for increased security improvements at the Juvenile Center is being conducted. Gumm reported that the investigation is ongoing partially due to the sheriff taking a detailed look at the current procedures, practices and equipment. In response to Brandtjen's question, Gumm stated deputies are trained quarterly regarding weapon retention and close quarters training. Gumm further stated equipment is the same for all deputies but the sheriff is reviewing all options.

Waeghe stated that prior to the incident, security cameras were added in corridors, courtrooms and the parking lot. Waeghe also stated that badge readers restricting public access to certain areas in the building have been added. Waeghe reported that currently in progress is the installation of lockdown buttons in courtrooms, the addition of more badge readers in reception areas and the addition of two laptops at bailiff stations allowing bailiffs to view security cameras. Waeghe indicated that discussions and security enhancements to the Juvenile Center are ongoing. In answer to Wolff's question, Gumm stated that dispatch is not currently monitoring cameras at the Juvenile Center however, discussion is ongoing with the communications center to determine the best way to monitor the courtrooms. Judge Domina indicated panic buttons that go directly to the sheriff's department are in courtrooms and small conference rooms and were in place prior to incident. Judge Dorow stated that drills are conducted regularly with the sheriff's department and informed the committee of a drill on 12/31 in the courthouse and invited committee members to attend.

Judge Dorow stated that she is encouraged by the willingness and cooperation of staff to learn from the incident and determine ways to be better prepared. Brandtjen commended the sheriff's department in effectively handling the incident.

**Discuss and Consider the 2016-2020 Capital Projects Plan Relative to Judiciary and Law Enforcement:  
a) Item 7 – Law Enforcement Center Mechanical Upgrades; and b) Item 8 – Courthouse Project – Criminal Courtroom Construction**

*Item 7 – Law Enforcement Center Mechanical Upgrades*

Bussler explained the project will upgrade HVAC infrastructure including chillers, air handling units, variable air volume (VAV) boxes, controls, pumps, and motors at the Law Enforcement Center (LEC).

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Crowley to Item 7 – Law Enforcement Center Mechanical Upgrades. Motion carried 5-0.

*Item 8 – Courthouse Project – Criminal Courtroom Construction*

Bussler distributed the amended version of Item 8 – Courthouse Project – Secure Courtroom Construction to the committee. Bussler explained the first part of the renovation will be a state of the art addition. It is intended to serve those requiring the highest level of security. A map of the proposed courtroom facility was distributed to the committee. Bussler stated that there is discussion now about moving juvenile court to the new facility which will allow juvenile court to take full advantage of the screening process.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Kolb to approve Item 8 – Courthouse Project – Secure Courtroom Construction. Motion carried 4-1. Brandtjen voted no.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Kolb to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 a.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Batzko  
Secretary