

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
September 16, 2016

Chair Wolff called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Peter Wolff, Jennifer Grant, Jim Batzko, Steve Whittow, Mike Crowley, and Kathleen Cummings. **Absent:** Timothy Dondlinger.

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Senior Human Resources Analyst Teri Henning, Judge Jennifer Dorow, Supervisor Darlene Johnson, Departmental Secretary Tony Di Frances, Budget Management Specialist Bill Duckwitz, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Sheriff Eric Severson, Business Manager Lyndsay Johnson, Senior Correctional Facility Manager Margaret Schnabl, Corrections Supervisor Angela Wollenhaupt, Jail Administrator Michael Giese, Inspector James Gumm, Deputy Inspector Torin Misko, and Financial Analyst Joshua Joost. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of August 12, 2016

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Batzko to approve the minutes of August 12, 2016. Motion carried 6-0.

Correspondence

Cummings indicated the City of Waukesha will vote next week over retaining the City's dispatch center or joining the County's countywide dispatch center.

Executive Committee Reports of August 15 and September 12, 2016

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

- Discussed and considered Public Works Capital Projects
- Heard the proposed scope of the Clerk of Courts audit
- Heard a report on annual National Association of Counties Organization (NACO) Conference
- Discussed and considered ordinances

Future Meeting Date(s)

- September 30, 2016 (Budget)
- October 14, 2016 (Clerk of Courts Budget, Regular Business)

Discuss and Consider the 2017-2021 Capital Projects Plan Relative to Judiciary and Law Enforcement:

Presenters Bussler, Dorow, Waeghe, Severson, and Johnson discussed the following projects.

Item 4 Communications Center Expansion: Bussler said this project was proposed in 2008 and will incorporate space for the Waukesha Communications Center (WCC) to accommodate additional dispatch agencies and space for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to better handle countywide emergencies. This project adds an approximate total of about 7,500 square feet to the WCC. Based on further research, the hiring of a new director, EOC training exercises, and actual experience with a large incident, the project expands the EOC to properly necessitate these functions. The project will also include storage, a garage, and administrative space to free up existing space in the current facility to accommodate future county wide dispatch for all jurisdictions and have the needed space to better manage significant incidents. By adding new space, the Communication Center will be large enough so every municipality could fit into the building. This expansion is built only for the size of Waukesha County and could not fit municipalities outside of the County.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Whittow to recommend approval of Project #200808 to Executive Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 9 Courthouse Project – Secure Courtroom Construction – Bussler said this project involves construction of a new 4 story, 8 courtroom facility and relocation of 8 existing courtrooms to the new facility. This work also includes the demolition of the existing 1959 jail. RFP documents will be developed and a firm for design will be chosen in 2017, and construction will take place 2018-2020. A total of 26 different construction options were considered and then narrowed down to 3 basic models. Bussler stated secure courtroom construction is about 3-way separation between the public, judiciary and court staff, and prisoners. Each have their own pathway that do not connect, which is considered best practice nationwide to ensure safe prisoner movement.

Item 10 Courthouse Project Step 2 – Courthouse Renovation – Bussler said this project involves renovating the existing Courthouse facility in a 3 stage vertical segmented approach to provide newly renovated facilities for all divisions, except the secure courtrooms addressed in Step 1. Courthouse renovation will also include the installation of new state of the art mechanical, electrical, fire protection, window systems and new wall, floor and ceiling finishes in all renovated areas. This approach will not require temporary offsite relocation of Courthouse personnel. Bussler said renovating in wings instead of floors is the least disruptive option and also the most cost effective and customer friendly way to use the space we already have. Dorow spoke to her ongoing involvement in the most expensive project in the County Courthouse’s history. In answering Cummings questions, Waeghe said they will be moving in the direction recommended by the Zimmerman Architectural Studios Courthouse Study. Whittow and Wolff commented on the parking issues around the Juvenile center and Wolff spoke to concerns about the Juvenile center sitting vacant after construction. Bussler said these issues will be addressed.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Batzko to recommend approval of Project #201418 and #201705 to Executive Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Item 49 Jail Security System Recording & Display Equipment Replacement: Johnson said the Sheriff’s Department is requesting to replace the current DVR system, nearing the end of its life, with a server based recording system. The server based system provides fail safe recording capabilities, which will continue to allow the jail to continue to transition to a fully digital security electronics system. This project also includes \$30,000 to complete a study to review available technologically evolved alternatives for the replacement of the current video visitation system. Severson said that when the Courthouse renovations are complete, it is likely that additional cameras will be added to the prisoner pathway.

Item 50 Jail Video Visitation System Replacement: Johnson said this is a new project. Since the implementation of the current video visitation system in 2005, there have been technological improvements in video visitation systems that would result in a reduction of staff involvement in the video visitation process and create staff efficiencies. This will also make the video visitation process more convenient for the general and professional public as well as reduce the risk of contraband entering the facility. The new video visitation system will also generate additional ongoing money for the Sheriff’s Department. New features in video visitation systems include internet visits, visit tracking, and conflict checking. Johnson compared this replacement system to the enhanced video chatting technology on today’s cell phones. Batzko asked if the system will be leased or owned. Johnson said it will be owned, which Severson said will allow the jail to recover the expenses. Whittow asked for clarification about if the courthouse renovations will effect this video visitation system. Severson said it will not and that the visitation system replacement will have a long life.

MOTION: Grant moved, second by Whittow to recommend approval of Project #201702 and Project #201615 to Executive Committee. Motion carried 6-0.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 171-O-041: Eliminate Civil Service Recruitment And Selection For Law Enforcement Positions, Abolish The Sheriff’s Civil Service Commission, And Amend The County Code Of Ordinances Accordingly

Severson explained that two sections in Chapters 4 and 5 the County Code of Ordinances will be amended to remove reference to the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission. Several sections of the Waukesha County Code of Ordinances will be repealed, thereby, abolishing the Sheriff's Civil Service Commission. Section 7-151(a) of the Waukesha County Code of Ordinances will be repealed and recreated to read, "Persons shall be appointed to Deputy Inspector and Inspector at the discretion of the Sheriff, provided that any person so appointed must hold the permanent rank of Lieutenant or above in the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department at the time of appointment and meets the minimum training and experience requirements of the new position." The Sheriff Civil Service Commission in the list of duties of the Human Resources Committee will also be repealed. In answering Wolff's question, Severson said the Sheriff's department staff is confident that putting the old system aside will increase flexibility and efficiency as well as the ability to streamline projects. Henning added that the Human Resources department sees no downside to this change.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Grant to approve Ordinance 171-O-041. Motion carried 6-0.

Legislative Update

Spaeth said the State Legislature is still in recess, and that she met with Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) lobbyists to go over their 2017-19 state budget requests. 911 funding continues to be a priority. WCA will be requesting that the state pay for the Emergency Services Internet Protocol network (ESInet), a private network capable of handling Next Generation 911 technology which allows the public to text or send video to 911. It is estimated that ESInet costs about \$12.5 million/year. Wisconsin does not provide statewide coordination of 911 efforts and WCA will also be asking the state to develop an advisory council that focuses on developing 911 standards. Spaeth also mentioned that the proposal to move 17-year-old offenders back into the juvenile system is closely being monitored. The sticking point continues to be the costs to serve an increased juvenile justice population.

Wolff recognized Bill Stolte and his service to Waukesha County and announced his celebration of life ceremony.

MOTION: Batzko moved, second by Crowley to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 a.m. Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Grant
Secretary