

Minutes of the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee
March 17, 2017

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

Committee Members Present: Peter Wolff (Chair), Timothy Dondlinger Jennifer Grant, Jim Batzko, Bill Zaborowski, Mike Crowley, and Kathleen Cummings (arrived at 8:31 a.m.).

Others Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Spaeth, Director of Emergency Preparedness Gary Bell, Radio Systems Manager Chris Petterson, Sheriff Eric Severson, Deputy Inspector Torin Misko, Chief of Staff Mark Mader, and Senior Financial Analyst Mark Yatchak. Minutes Recorded by Beth Schwartz, County Board Office.

Approve Minutes of February 17, 2017

MOTION: Zaborowski moved, second by Crowley to approve the minutes of February 17, 2017. Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Committee Report of February 20, 2017

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

- Discussed and considered the Financial Management Information System operations audit
- Heard an update and status report on the Fire Department Study
- Discussed the proposed scope on the Sheriff's Department audit
- Heard an update on information technology projects
- Discussed and considered appointments
- Heard an update on the WCA Legislative Exchange, Regional Transit Leadership Council Executive Committee, and Wisconsin Workforce Development Association Board
- Heard standing committee reports by committee chairs

Future Meeting Date: April 14, 2017

Discussed and Considered Ordinance 171-O-088: Approve Northview Tower And Ground Space Lease With US Cellular

Bell explained that after 18 months of negotiating, a five-year tower and ground space lease between United States Cellular Operating Company, LLC and the County will commence on November 1, 2017. The annual lease is reduced \$5,500 from the previous year, bringing the total US Cellular rent for this site to \$27,230 in 2017. The US Cellular rent cost will increase 4% annually during the duration of the lease agreement and any subsequent renewals. The agreement also allows for the extension of the lease to allow for four automatic 5-year renewal periods through 2042. Upon commencement of the agreement, the County will assume ownership of the tower and ground space, previously owned by US Cellular. This will allow the County to lease space to additional cellular companies at the site, resulting in additional rental revenue. Crowley asked if Corporation Counsel is comfortable with the language in the lease. Bell said modifications to the language were made to satisfy both parties.

MOTION: Crowley moved, second by Cummings to approve Ordinance 171-O-088. Motion carried 7-0.

Heard an Update On The Dakota Pipeline Deployment

Severson discussed the decision to partner with other law enforcement agencies on the Dakota Pipeline. In past instances of dealing with civil disturbance and violent protesters, the department has felt underprepared responding to it. With a duty to respond to civil disturbance and assist other agencies, the department formed a civil disturbance unit. As the Dakota Pipeline movement grew, requests came for emergency assistance from

law enforcement throughout the nation. Sixty-one members of the Sheriff's department had just completed civil disturbance unit training. Severson said being able to test the newly trained civil disturbance unit was an invaluable real-time experience. Despite knowing there may be criticism for agreeing to support law enforcement operations at the Dakota Pipeline Access protests, Severson dispatched a team of civil disturbance unit deputies to Mandan, North Dakota. The dispatch in response to the mutual aid request from the North Dakota Department of Emergency Government will be fully reimbursed. The deputies did not stay the entire nine days anticipated to fill this request, but Severson said the experience and hands on training was important for improving the civil disturbance unit methods in the future. Batzko asked if the dispatch affected the department's ability to function while they were gone. Severson said mandatory overtime and other methods used ensured no decrease in productivity of the department. Answering Crowley's question, Severson said the next time there is a crisis and a request for mutual aid he would urge other sheriff's departments to consider answering the call for help. Misko said every department relies on mutual aid in a catastrophe.

Legislative Update

Spaeth reported that she and Chief of Staff to the County Executive Shawn Lundie will have meetings with all 18 Waukesha County state legislators over two weeks to discuss the budget's impact on the County. They will also be asking legislators to clarify the language for funding the federally approved Wisconsin Medicaid Waiver Programs. Spaeth also highlighted modest increases in the budget and mentioned an effort to include modernizing 911 services into the budget. The Wisconsin Counties Association requested an issuance of an RFP to utilize existing infrastructure, such as the BadgerNet, for a statewide ESInet system to provide all personal sound application products (PSAPs) with the network needed to implement necessary NG911 services.

MOTION: Cummings moved, second by Dondlinger to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Grant
Secretary