

Un-Approved Minutes Public Safety Committee Tuesday, August 2, 2022 – 6:00 pm Zoom Video-Conference Law Enforcement Center Conference Room 109 E. Leffler Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin

Iowa County Wisconsin

1	Supervisor Mel Masters called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.
2	Roll Call. Members present: Supervisors Alan, Lease, Meyers, Stevens, and Richter.
	- Others Present: County Administrator Larry Bierke, Supervisor Deal, Supervisor O'Brien, Supervisor Nankee, Sheriff Michek, Jail Administrator Mike Peterson and Sun Program Cecile McManus.
	- Others On Zoom: Emergency Management Director Keith Hurlbert, and Finance Director Jamie GouldAbsent:
3	Meeting Agenda: Supervisor Richter <u>moved</u> , Supervisor Stevens seconded to approve the agenda for August 2, 2022. Motion carried.
4	Meeting Minutes: Supervisor Lease <u>moved</u> , Supervisor Masters seconded to approve the meeting minutes for June 7, 2022. Motion Carried
5	Reports: Nothing reported.
6	PSAP Grant and Adoption of a new resolution to recognize the Iowa County Dispatch Center as Iowa County's PSAP. Iowa County Administrator Larry Bierke spoke about the resolution identifying the Iowa County Dispatch as the PSAP for Iowa County. There was question on how it was going to be named in the last paragraph in the resolution. It was narrowed down to Iowa County Dispatch or Iowa County Sheriff's Office. Motion was made by Supervisor Alan to move this item forward and it was seconded by Supervisor Lease. Motion carried.
7	Emergency Management Update. Emergency Management Director Keith Hurlbert gave an update on the Iowa County Mitigation Meetings. Director Hurlbert stated they are still collecting data from the county wide meetings. He hopes to have a summary before the next Public Safety Committee Meeting. Director Hurlbert also spoke on the concerns about a tornado siren in the Hamlet of Edmund. Director Hurlbert stated that is something that should be discussed on a township level. Director Hurlbert mentioned the planning of the Blackhawk Lake Celebration and how the event appeared to be a success for area and county overall.
	Iowa County Sheriff's Office Update.
8	1) Sheriff Michek and Chief Deputy Austin Durst, and Finance Director Jamie Gould along with committee members discussed the 4 th Quarter 2021 and 1 st Quarter 2022 financial reports. There was discussion about simplifying the reports so they were easier to understand. The reports are compiled by Director Gould. It was mentioned that the Sheriff's Office came under budget in 2021. Supervisor Nankee asked about the Drug Task Force and why it was over budget. Chief Deputy Durst explained that Drug Task Force is supported by grants and seizure money. Depending on the timing of the bills and release of the grant money, the unit can look over budget. Supervisor Alan asked Director Gould if there is anything the committee needed to watch out for. Director Gould advised the 2 nd Quarter report is a better indicator of possible issues.
	2) Recruitment and Retention Update: The Iowa County Sheriff's Office is currently short one patrol deputy and 2 corrections officers. There is currently a patrol deputy in backgrounds and a corrections

officer in backgrounds. The dispatch center is currently fully staffed with one person training. Chief Deputy Durst explained that the Sheriff's Office has gone to open recruitment to help get candidates through the door. Staff have given out QR code business cards to prospective candidates to take the application to them. There has been more flexibility in the interview process by having interviews days after receiving the application. Sheriff Michek has allowed deputies to take squads home if they live outside of the county. Both Supervisors Nankee and Alan mentioned this was a positive for the public given the presence in the neighborhoods and improved response time to emergencies by deputies. Supervisor Alan asked about the possibility of deputies being cross sworn in other counties. Sheriff Michek didn't believe there was a need for that given Wisconsin's existing mutual aid law. Supervisor Nankee asked about the K-9 Deputy and DARE Deputy positions. Sheriff Michek advised there are plans in the future to fill both positions when the office is in a better staffing position. 12-Hour MOU was discussed for patrol staffing issues through January 2023.

- 3) Sun Program contract review and discussion on how the Sun Program works. There was a discussion started by Supervisor Masters on how the Sun Program works. Cecile McManus and Supervisor Nankee discussed how the Sun Program operated and gets their funding. The impact of COVID on the program was discussed along with the closing of Bloomfield Manor where meals were being prepared. The current contract between the Sheriff's Office and Summit for meals was mentioned.
- 4) Energy Consumption of the new Law Enforcement Center (LEC). It was explained that the Environmental Services Director Jake Terrell received the bills for the new LEC and they get approved by County Administrator Bierke. The energy consumption of the LEC has increased over the old facility. The new LEC is 3x larger than the previous jail so an increase was expected. There was a discussion to have an energy audit on the LEC to make sure its operation is optimal. Motion was made by Supervisor Alan to have an energy audit on LEC depending its cost and it was seconded by Supervisor Lease. Motion carried.
- 5) Questions on the LEC phone tree. Supervisor Masters expressed concerns about the difficulty of using the phone tree for the LEC. Sheriff Michek advised IT sets up the phone system and it is a partnership with them. It is part of the growing pains of moving to a new building and it should improve over time.
- 6) Updates on the Alliant Energy Sign. There was no new information reported in regards to the proposed Alliant Energy sign.
- 9 Next Meeting: Set for September 6th at 6 PM.
- Adjourn: Supervisor Lease <u>moved</u>, Supervisor Richter seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at approximately 7:40 PM.

Minutes by Austin Durst