

COMMITTEE: SHERIFF & JUSTICE
DATE: 02/06/2023
TIME: 4:30 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chaney called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: William Chaney, Tom Tallier, Luke Peterson, Dave Campbell, Brian Piasini

Absent:

Others present: Jeffery Marvin, Alex Walrath, Joshua Bradley, Cindy Gretzinger

APPROVE AGENDA

Chaney advised the committee that agenda item #8 approve January vouchers should be moved between #17 & #18 on the agenda. Campbell motion to approve the amended agenda as presented, second by Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 6, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Peterson to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2023 meeting, second by Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

SHERIFF AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL ON BUDGET TRANSFERS/PURCHASES

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF TRAVEL REQUISITION FOR DEPUTY BELLAND AND CHIEF DEPUTY WALRATH

Chief Deputy Walrath requested permission to attend ATIR an active shooter training in Oshkosh WI on February 19th through the 23rd. Walrath also requested permission for Deputy Belland to attend the School Resource Officer Training in Appleton WI on June 13th through the 15th. Motion by Campbell to approve the Travel requisitions for Walrath & Belland, seconded by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEW JAIL RADIOS

Jail Administrator Bradley advised the committee that the new SD-7 jail radio project from 1st Net is not working out well. Bradley advised the SD-7 is not durable and they have been having mechanical failures that are causing signal issues. Bradley provided a quote from Northway Communications for jail radios in the amount of \$12,435.75 and requested permission to purchase the radios. Motion by Peterson to approve the purchase and forward to the Finance Committee, second by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REPLACEMENT COMPUTERS

Sheriff Marvin provided 2 quotes for squad computers and officer computer to comply with the dual authentication mandate. The squad quote from Baycom was in the amount of \$26,608.00 and the office computer quote from Naunkca was in the amount of \$10,270.00. Motion by Piasini to approve the purchases and forward to the Finance Committee, seconded Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RESOLUTION FOR DISPATCH TO TEMPORARILY MOVE INTO THE JAIL UNTIL FULLY STAFFED.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MOVING REFERENDUM BUDGET TO RESERVE ACCOUNT TEMPORARILY UNTIL DISPATCH IS MOVED OUT OF JAIL.

A resolution was provided to the committee to move the referendum employees into the jail temporarily due to staffing shortages and to pay the staff out of the jail budget instead of the referendum/dispatch budget. Tallier expressed concerns about the referendum not being followed. Jail Administrator Bradley advised that there is currently not enough staff to man the jail and the only other option would be housing inmates in other counties at a substantial cost to Forest Co. See resolution. Motion by Tallier to approve the resolution and forward it to the full County Board on February 21st 2023, seconded by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON REGARDING PROTECTIVE STATUS RETIREMENT FOR ALL CORRECTIONAL STAFF

Jail Administrator Bradley advised there has been a bill recently introduced in Wisconsin to change the status of Corrections Officer to protective employees. Bradley advised very few counties currently do this but it could possibly be a hiring incentive for Forest Co to offer this. Bradley stated the cost for protective status is approx. \$0.67 / hours per employee or approx. \$67,000 / year budget increase. Motion by Peterson to send to the Finance Committee without a recommendation, seconded by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: THE COMMITTEE WILL ADJOURN INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WISCONSIN STATUTE §19.85(1)(c) “CONSIDERING EMPLOYMENT, PROMOTION, COMPENSATION OR PERFORMANCE EVALUATION DATA OF ANY PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OVER WHICH THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY HAS JURISDICTION OR EXERCISES RESPONSIBILITY.” THIS CLOSED SESSION IS:

a. FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL ISSUES

Motion by Tallier to entered closed session, seconded by Piasini. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

THE COMMITTEE MAY RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO RATIFY ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Tallier to exit closed session, seconded by Campbell. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY LAWFULLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE

Motion by Tallier to have Chief Deputy Walrath check with the Forest Co. Clerk and make sure the issue of law enforcement services being used for private businesses hosting public events issue was on the next Personnel committee agenda, seconded by Peterson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

APPROVE JANUARY VOUCHERS

Motion by Campbell to approve vouchers from the month of January 2023 as submitted, seconded by Tallier. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Piasini to adjourn, second by Peterson. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Sheriff & Justice meeting.