

## Public Safety & Judiciary Committee

Wednesday, October 14, 2015

9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A260

### MINUTES

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was properly announced.

Committee members present: Robert Eggebrecht, Robert Grabarski, Jack Allen, Orin Nigh, and Jerry Kotlowski

Others present: Carol Collins, Tania Bonnett, Kris Steffens, Janet Leja, Sam Wollin, and Terry Fahrenkrug

**Motion by Kotlowski to approve the agenda, seconded by Eggebrecht. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**Motion by Grabarski to approve the September 9, 2015 minutes, seconded by Eggebrecht. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

#### District Attorney – Tania Bonnett – Present

Committee was provided with the financial report for September. There were no questions. There was no Community Service report to review. Bonnett stated that fall has been busy for the DA's Office. Bonnett informed the committee that the TAD grant will be coming out next fall and that they are currently working with Dorothy Chaney to help write the grant. Committee was provided with the resolution to create the Adams County Criminal Justice Council (CJCC). Bonnett discussed the resolution and answered questions. It was explained that the CJCC will be an advisory body only and is required in order to apply for the TAD grant. **Motion by Eggebrecht to approve the resolution to create the Adams County Criminal Justice Council, seconded by Grabarski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

#### Eyes of Hope Shelter—Kris Steffens — Present

Steffens wasn't able to provide a monthly report to review. Committee was informed that Steffens is selling her home and business so other arrangements may need to be made in the future for animal control services. Steffens will stay to address this later in the meeting with the Sheriff's Office.

#### Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Not Present

The Family Court Commissioner was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written report for September. There were no questions.

#### Child Support – Janet Leja – Present

Committee was provided with a written report and financial report for September. Leja explained that the performance measures went up in areas where they were down last year so they are doing well. There was nothing unusual to report on the financial report and there were no questions. Leja informed the committee that the state rate for lodging has increase from \$70 to \$82 a night which will result in the lodging expense line to be over at the end of the year. Leja explained that she doesn't foresee this being a problem as the increase could be absorbed somewhere in the budget. Committee members did not have any concerns with the lodging expense being over at this time.

#### Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Not Present

The Clerk of Circuit Court Office was not scheduled to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with a written report and financial report for September. There were no questions.

#### Register in Probate – Chris Langer – Not Present

The Register in Probate Office was not scheduled to attend the meeting. There was no monthly report to review.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Not Present

Gervais was unable to attend the meeting. Committee was provided with the financial report for September. Committee questioned whether the plant ticket and expenses were reimbursed for the forum/training Gervais attended in Texas in June. Chairman Allen requested that Gervais provide a written explanation in their mailboxes in the County Clerk's Office and attend the meeting in November.

Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Not Present

Rogers was unable to attend the meeting today. Committee was provided with a written report and financial report for September. There were no questions. Committee requested that Rogers attend the meeting in November.

Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Wollin and Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Committee was provided with the animal control report and financial report for September. There were no questions. Deputy Lindsey participated in the Alert Challenge representing the Sheriff's Office this year. An awards ceremony was recently held to recognize employees for their years of service and recognize a promotion to Lieutenant. Coffee with a Cop is scheduled on 10/29/15 at Becky's Sugar Shack. A fundraiser for the Sheriff's Office was held at Fawn Creek Winery and Wollin stated it went well. The Sheriff's Office was awarded the Click It or Ticket grant in the amount of \$4,000. Milk Source will also be donating \$2,500 this year. Wollin explained that one of the squads was determined to be a total loss by the insurance company due to the recent deer damage. A new squad will be purchased outright to replace the damaged squad as the insurance policy provides for replacement costs. The insurance company is requesting a quote for a Chevy Impala or Ford Taurus as that would be comparable to the Ford Crown Victoria that was damaged. Discussion was held regarding putting out the RFP for animal control services. Wollin explained that Steffens has her home and business up for sale. Steffens has offered to continue to provide her service in 2016 on a month-to-month basis until her house is sold, but Steffens stated she would need to receive an additional \$300 per month in order to hire another employee. Committee recommended continuing with the month-to-month agreement with Eyes of Hope and then put out the RFP when her services have terminated. Discussion was held regarding the food service contract in the jail. Wollin explained he received three replies to the information request. There could be a significant savings with going with another company. We can sever the contract with the current provider with a 60-day notice of termination. Committee recommended keeping in touch with Corporation Counsel and AC/DOF with making changes to the food service contract. Chairman Allen also stated he will be speaking with Corporation Counsel to see what our options are.

**Motion by Nigh to approve vouchers and monthly expense reports as presented, seconded by Grabarski. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

Identify upcoming agenda items: Committee requested that Emergency Management and the Medical Examiner's Office be scheduled to attend the meeting in November.

Set next monthly meeting date as November 10, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. due to County offices being closed on November 11 for Veteran's Day In-service.

**Motion by Grabarski to adjourn, seconded by Nigh. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.**

*These minutes have been approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee on November 10, 2015.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert Grabarski  
Secretary