

**Public Safety & Judiciary Committee**  
Wednesday, November 13, 2013  
9:00 a.m. – Conference Room A260

**MINUTES**

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

Committee members present: Bob Eggebrecht, Marge Edwards, Al Sebastiani, Bill Miller, and Terry James

Others present: Carol Collins, Kris Steffens, Dennis McFarlin, Ken Wagner, Janet Leja, Kathie Dye, Tania Bonnett, Sam Wollin, and Terry Fahrenkrug

**Motion by Miller to approve the agenda, seconded by Edwards. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion by James to approve the prior meeting minutes (October 9th), seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

There was no public participation. There was no correspondence.

Eyes of Hope Shelter—Kris Steffens—Present

Steffens provided the Committee with her monthly report for October 2013. Steffens discussed her report and stated October was a good month for adoptions. Steffens stated the concrete on the front runs is complete and the cost was \$8,000. Steffens explained that veterinary expenses are still a drain on their funds. Steffens asked if she will be continuing with the same services next year and Chairman Sebastiani stated he would check on it.

**Motion by James to deviate from the agenda to authorize the resolution from the Sheriff's Office for out of state travel, seconded by Eggebrecht. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.** Sam explained the resolution for Deputy Czys to attend the canine handler training at the Vohne Liche Kennels Inc. in Denver, IN. **Motion by James to approve the resolution to authorize Deputy Czys to attend the canine handler training in Denver, IN, seconded by Edwards. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Family Court Commissioner – Dennis McFarlin – Present

McFarlin stated the listening sessions that are held three times a month are successful. McFarlin explained that a majority of individuals that attend are referrals from Health & Human Services, Child Support, Clerk of Courts, and UW-Extension. This service that the county provides is geared for family law. McFarlin stated it is more for procedural matters.

Child Support – Ken Wagner and Janet Leja – Present

Wagner introduced Janet Leja as the new Child Support Director and informed the Committee that the resolution to appoint Leja as department head will go before County Board on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Sebastiani signed the recruitment form for the replacement of the Child Support Specialist position. Wagner explained that the current LTE position will no longer be utilized when the new Child Support Specialist is hired. Committee was provided with the performance measures and check summary for October 2013. Wagner discussed the performance measures and stated that they are down because October 2013 was the start of a new federal fiscal year. Wagner and Leja addressed Committee's questions regarding budget overage on mileage reimbursement. Leja informed the Committee that she will be working on cooperative agreements to capture additional revenue. Leja stated the contract with the Call Center is up for renewal on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Leja stated using the Call Center has increased traffic at their window.

Clerk of Circuit Court – Kathie Dye – Present

Dye provided the Committee with the monthly expense report for October 2013. Dye stated she is on target with her budget. Dye explained that desk top scanners were purchased for each desk as there is a push to go paperless. Dye stated this will be a time consuming project. Dye discussed the recent District 6 Clerk of Court meeting that was hosted by Adams County and stated there was a good turnout. Dye stated she will be going through the applications for the Deputy Clerk of Court position when the posting closes on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Register in Probate – Terry Reynolds –Not Present

Reynolds was unable to attend the meeting.

Emergency Management – Jane Gervais – Not Present

Committee was provided with the monthly expense report for October 2013. Gervais was unable to attend the meeting.

Medical Examiner – Marilyn Rogers – Not Present

Committee was provided with the monthly activity report and check summary for October 2013. Rogers was unable to attend the meeting today as she was in Stevens Point attending a conference.

Sheriff's Office – Sheriff Wollin – Present

Wollin informed the Committee that the public was appreciative of the "Coffee with a Cop" that was hosted at Coffee A Go Go. It was an informal sit down and there were many questions regarding the new canine unit. Wollin updated the Committee on the second canine unit that was picked out November 4<sup>th</sup>. A two year old female was chosen. Chairman Sebastiani requested bringing the new canine unit to county board when they are back from training. Wollin explained that he is looking to rebuild the canine fund as soon as possible with fundraising projects.

Chief Deputy Fahrenkrug – Present

Committee was provided with the monthly revenue and expense reports for October 2013. Fahrenkrug and Wollin discussed the reports and addressed the Committee's questions. Committee was informed that the amount from the sale of squads was \$21,390.57. Fahrenkrug stated the animal control report is comparable to last year and the animal control officer continues to use his time wisely.

Committee agreed to take a 10 minute break at 10:42 a.m. to wait for Tania Bonnett to attend the meeting. She was in court and asked to be called before the meeting was adjourned to make arrangements to attend. Committee was back in session at 10:51 a.m. when Bonnett arrived.

District Attorney – Tania Bonnett – Present

Committee was provided with the monthly expense report for October 2013. There were no questions. Bonnett explained that she was approached to be on two committees. She was appointed to the Violence Against Women's Act Advisory Board and the WI Domestic Abuse Violence Sub-committee. Bonnett updated the Committee on the presentations at the parent/teacher conferences and stated the turnout was not great as there was not good advertisement. Bonnett hopes to do monthly presentations in the future with more advertising so there is a better turnout. Bonnett provided information on a grant that she was awarded for a forensic interviewing room. The interview room will be installed at Health & Human Services. Bonnett stated this is good for everyone involved.

**Motion by Eggebrecht to approve vouchers and monthly expense reports as presented, seconded by Miller. All in favor, motion carried unanimously.**

Set next monthly meeting date as December 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Motion by Edwards to adjourn, seconded by Miller. All in favor, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.**

*These minutes have not been approved by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol A. Collins  
Recording Secretary