



MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.
Courthouse Assembly Room – B-105, 500 Forest St, Wausau

Attendance:

| <u>Members</u> | <u>Present</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
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| Matt Bootz, Chair | X | |
| Brent Jacobson, Vice-Chair | W | |
| Kelley Gabor | W | |
| Bruce Lamont | W | |
| Jean Maszk | W | |
| Allen Opall | W | |
| Arnie Schlei | W | |

Others Present: Lance Leonhard, Sean McCarthy, Mary Palmer

Via Web: Kelly Schremp, Jessica Blahnik, Gerry Klein, Craig McEwen, Shirley Lang

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Matt Bootz at 2:00 p.m.

2. Public Comment (15 minute limit) – None

3. Approval of the Minutes of the Public Safety Meeting on July 1, 2020

MOTION BY LAMONT; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 1 2020 COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Policy Issues Discussion and Committee Determination to the County Board for its Consideration - None

5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution - None

6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports

A. Update on the Regional Morgue (Forensic Science Center) Business Plan

Discussion:

Leonhard gave a brief overview on the draft Business Plan for the Forensic Science Center. If you have any issues with the plan in its current form, let Lance know. It's important to partner with the medical systems before we move forward. They offer the expertise in attracting, recruiting and retaining physicians. It's a more attractive offer if we are affiliated with a medical system. It would allow the pathologist to connect with the physicians in the medical system and a hospital. The meetings with Marshfield and Portage County were very encouraging. Aspirus is also interested in partnering with this. Relationships with the medical system have strengthened through the pandemic.

When developing the business plan they accessed plans from other Counties and capitalized on their experiences.

The only thing missing from business plan is the financial model (page 15). That number will be changing and updated.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

B. Marcy's Law – Impact it has on District Attorney's Office and Court Operations

Discussion:

This item will be brought back in September.

Follow through:

Bring back next month.

C. Marathon County Sheriff's Office Seeking Information Relative to Implementation Of Body Cameras as Part of 2021 Annual Budget

Discussion:

Captain Sean McCarthy this is a discussion the Sheriff's Department had pre-pandemic – video systems for squads and body cams. Our current system is over 15 years old – squad video cameras have a very narrow range and when outside the vehicle range there is only audio. A Request for Information (RFI) was done in early 2020 and have four viable vendors. After reviewing the RFI's they have a good idea of what equipment they want. The next step is to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP). The request will be included in the 2021 budget and forward. They will be purchasing software and storage and basically renting the equipment and that would get updated periodically. The Wausau Police Department has worn body cameras for a couple of years already.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

D. FY2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Discussion:

Captain Sean McCarthy gave an update on the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. They will receive \$10,576 which is shared with the Wausau Police Department. This year they will purchase GreyKey software and a program device for accessing iPhones that are password protected. The software costs approximately \$18,000. They have funding for the difference.

Follow through:

No follow through requested.

7. Next Meeting Time, Location, Announcements and Agenda Items

- A. Next meeting: September 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Update on the Strategic Plan (Craig McEwen)
Update Criminal justice study
Update on the Jail and Covid (Ask Chad to attend)

B. Announcements: None

8. Adjournment

**MOTION BY OPALL; SECOND BY MASZK TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.
(2:27 pm)**

Respectfully submitted by,
Mary Palmer