



# MARATHON COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date & Time of Meeting: **Wednesday, June 30, 2021 at 1:30 pm**

Meeting Location **WebEx/Courthouse Assembly Room, (B105), Courthouse, 500 Forest St., Wausau**

Members	Present/Web-Phone	Absent
Chair Matt Bootz	X	
Vice Chair Jennifer Bizzotto	W	
Brent Jacobson	Phone	
Bruce Lamont	W	
Jean Maszk	W	
Allen Opall	W	
Arnold Schlei	X	

**Also Present:** Lance Leonhard, Michael Puerner, Chad Billeb, Bill Millhausen, Ryan Weber, Ruth Heinzl, Molly Lawrence, David Baker, and Toshia Ranallo.

**VIA Web or Phone:** Craig McEwen

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bootz at 1:30 p.m.

**2. Public Comment – None**

**3. MOTION BY LAMONT; SECOND BY MASZK TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 2, 2021 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

**4. Policy Issues Discussion and Potential Committee Determination**

**A.** Resolution and Ordinance creating Criminal Justice Collaborating Council

**Discussion:**

Justice Alternatives Coordinator Laura Yarie provided background and explained the Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC) was created in 1994, but called the Justice Advisory Committee. The CJCC was formed to bring stakeholders together to review cases moving forward, evaluate the causes of jail crowding, and create programs as an alternative to putting individuals in jail. In 2010 the State created their own CJCC and made it a requirement for counties to have one in order to receive TAD funding. The state's CJCC became involved with the National Institute of Corrections on their Evidence Based Decision Making Project. Marathon County was invited to participate with this project and was instructed to be named the Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Team. This team and the CJCC started to operate as one. The team started to acknowledge they were missing out on some roles in the work they performed as the CJCC and so it was discussed to recreate the counsel and create bylaws to be codified in an ordinance. The Evidence Based Decision Making Policy Team would be a subgroup of the counsel. The CJCC would become another committee within the county board structure.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY BIZZOTTO TO MOVE THE RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE TO CREATE A CRIMINAL JUSTICE COLLABORATING COUNCIL TO THE COUNTY BOARD. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Forward to County Board.

**5. Operational Functions Required by Statute, Ordinance or Resolution:**

**A.** Administrative Reorganization to Address Dispatcher Priority

- 1) Abolish one Administrative Coordinator (B23) within the Sheriff's Office and create a new position Communication Specialist (B23) within the Sheriff's Office (Chad Billeb)
- 2) Reclassification of one Criminal Justice Specialist (B22) within the Investigations Division and assign this position to the Patrol Division as an Administrative Coordinator (B23) (Chad Billeb)

**Discussion:**

Chief Deputy Chad Billeb explained a shift in responsibilities and duties that warranted the reclassifications. No new levy dollars would be needed.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY LAMONT; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO APPROVE TO ABOLISH ONE ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR (B23) POSITION WITHIN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND CREATE A NEW POSITION COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST (B23); AND TO RECLASSIFY ONE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST (B22) WITHIN THE INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION AND ASSIGN THIS POSITION TO THE PATROL DIVISION AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR (B23). MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Forward to the HR Finance Committee.

- B.** Reclassification of the Law Enforcement and Corrections Manager(s) and Communication Manager (C52 to D61) to address compression issues between Captains and Lieutenants. (Chad Billeb)

**Discussion:**

Chief Deputy Chad Billeb explained there is a lack of separation in pay between lieutenants and captains. The solution after working with Human Resources Director Molly Adzic and Administrator Leonhard, is to move the current classification for captains up one grade and one grade lower from Chief Deputies.

**Action:**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY SCHLEI TO MOVE TO RECLASSIFY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CORRECTIONS MANAGER(S) AND COMMUNICATION MANAGER FROM C52 TO D61. MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow Up:**

Forward to the HR Finance Committee

**6. Educational Presentations/Outcome Monitoring Reports**

- A.** Strategic Plan Update (Craig McEwen)

**Discussion:**

Supervisor Craig McEwen explained to the committee they are in the fourth year of the five year Strategic Plan. He reported on the committee's progresses and some of their objectives and outcome measurers outlined in the Strategic Plan.

- Supported but still pending: A policy to reconsider changes for the support of sports events occurring on county roads
- A resolution asking the state to provide funding for assistant district attorneys
- A revision of section 25.04 of the municipal code for a uniform addressing ordinance
- An agreement for a sheriff deputy to serve in Rib Mountain
- Joint meeting with Infrastructure to identify broadband challenges for east, west and north side county residents
- Regional Morgue Taskforce business plan updates
- Sheriff's department requests to the state to annually allocate funds for public safety answering points
- Update on recent legislation for OWI conviction laws
- Supported Administrator to lobby to change Medicaid lapses for individuals who were incarcerated and then released.
- Joined forces with fire department and Wausau Hazmat Team

McEwen reiterated the importance of filling in the strategic plan template previously sent to committee members on progress related to their goals and objectives.

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

- A.** Next meeting: **Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 1:30 pm**

**8. Adjournment**

**MOTION BY MASZK; SECOND BY JACOBSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 2:09 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.**