



MINUTES
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022 – 8:15 AM
JUSTICE CENTER - ROOM 101A (SHERIFF'S CONFERENCE)
1201 S. SPRING STREET, PORT WASHINGTON, WI 53074

Draft Minutes Pending Committee Approval

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was held in room 101A at the Justice Center.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
R. Nelson	Chairperson	Present	
D. Becker	Vice-Chairperson	Present	
J. Braverman	Supervisor District 24	Present	
S. Whitworth	Supervisor District 16	Excused	
E. Stelter	Supervisor District 18	Excused	

Staff present: County Administrator Dzwinel, Clerk of Courts M. Mueller, Sheriff Johnson, Undersheriff Knowles, Coroner Deppisch, DA Office Supervisor Marx, Human Resources Director McDonell, Corporation Counsel Gorden, and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Others present: Judge Malloy, Bill Schanen-Ozaukee Press, Supervisor Holyoke, Matthew Karpinski, Assistant Fire Chief and Bill Rice, Fire Chief - Village of Grafton, Lisa Uribe Harbeck, Trustee - Village of Grafton, Daniel Birenbaum, Fire Chief - Village of Belgium, Tony Brown, Administrator - City of Port Washington, Colleen Landisch, Administrator - Village of Thiensville, and Mark Mitchell, Fire Chief - City of Port Washington.

2. PROPER NOTICE

Chairperson Nelson called the meeting to order at 8:23 AM. The clerk noticed the meeting as required.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, COMMUNICATIONS

Judge Malloy provided an update on court services.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 15, 2022

Motion to approve the February 15, 2022 minutes as submitted.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE	
RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	D. Becker, Vice-Chairperson
SECONDER:	J. Braverman, Supervisor District 24
AYES:	Nelson, Becker, Braverman
EXCUSED:	Whitworth, Stelter

5. CORONER

a. Action Items:

1. Resolution: Abolish the Elective Office of Coroner and Create a Medical Examiner Position

Mr. Dzwinel outlined the request to consider hiring a medical examiner position versus maintaining the current elective coroner position.

Mr. Dzwinel clarified that the timeline is such that a decision would need to be made no later than the November 8 General Election. Candidates for the office of coroner will begin circulating nomination papers from April 15 thru June 1.

Mr. McDonell explained that with the Medical Examiner position, Ozaukee County could continue to use Milwaukee County for pathology, reviewed the budget impact, support staff would remain status quo, and accountability of the position.

Discussion and questions regarding the benefits of this transition, budget impact, and how the process was communicated to the coroner.

Mr. Deppisch spoke to his length of service, comparable counties regarding budget impact and support staff, services performed, and how this possible transition was communicated to him.

Discussion and questions continued on Mr. Deppisch's attendance at committee meetings, support staff, current structure, accountability, additional cost, and scope of work.

Sheriff Johnson supports the change creating accountability and professionalism to the office.

Discussion on the process to move forward to the County Board, the need for information to make an informed decision, and the timeline.

The intent will be to move this forward to the Executive Committee and ultimately the County Board; however, the direction from the committee is that staff needs to provide more information on the breakdown of the costs, and be clear on issues and challenges for wanting to change this position.

Motion to approve the resolution in order to move the resolution forward to the Executive Committee.

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RESULT: **APPROVE AND FORWARD [UNANIMOUS]** **Next:**
 4/4/2022 3:00 PM

MOVER: J. Braverman, Supervisor District 24

SECONDER: D. Becker, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Nelson, Becker, Braverman

EXCUSED: Whitworth, Stelter

2. Ordinance: Abolish the Elective Office of Coroner and Create Chapter 2.52 of the Ozaukee County Code of Ordinances - Medical Examiner

Motion to approve the ordinance to move forward to the Executive Committee with the previous resolution.

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RESULT: **APPROVE AND FORWARD [UNANIMOUS]** **Next:**
 4/4/2022 3:00 PM

MOVER: J. Braverman, Supervisor District 24

SECONDER: D. Becker, Vice-Chairperson

AYES: Nelson, Becker, Braverman

EXCUSED: Whitworth, Stelter

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports:

1. Coroner Report

There were no questions.

6. DISTRICT ATTORNEY

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports

1. District Attorney Financials

There were no questions.

7. CLERK OF COURTS

a. Management/Financial/Informational Reports:

1. Clerk of Court Financial Report

Ms. Mueller reported on financials, jury trials, Youth Government Day, and the positive effect the use of new technology in the court rooms has had.

8. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

a. Discussion Items:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Proposal

Sheriff Johnson provided a brief overview on the desire to decrease the response time for EMS throughout Ozaukee County, what has occurred to date with discussions with municipalities and the proposal requesting \$5 Million of ARPA Funds to fund 18 paramedics throughout the county.

Village of Grafton Fire Chief Bill Rice conducted a PowerPoint presentation on Ozaukee County Firefighter/Paramedic Support and Consolidation Proposal which included: Complex Make-Up of Fire-EMS Staffing in Ozaukee County, What the Problem is, EMS Training Levels, County Full-Time Fire Department Staffing, Plan to Fix County Fire/EMS, Current and Proposed Paramedic Coverage Regions, Immediate Firefighter/Paramedic Augmentation, Firefighter/Paramedic Cost Estimates, Fire Station Modifications & Supplies, Delivery of Improved Fire/EMS thru Consolidation, and Expected Outcomes.

Discussion and questions on staff response, training, shortage, call volume, and cost of study.

Mr. Dzwinel concluded with the PowerPoint Presentation addressing the Ozaukee County EMS Grants Program, Regional Approach - WI Policy Forum, Buy-in and Sustainability are Primary, Grant Application, and Sustainability Plan.

Further discussion and questions on whether or not all municipalities in the county are in support of the request, grant application process, funding provided according to population, response time, and next steps.

b. Management/Financial/Informational Reports:

1. Management/Financial Reports

Update on boarding revenue, third shift dispatching for Mequon and Cedarburg, hiring process, and overtime budget.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

MAY 17, 2022 (new committee)

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Supervisor Becker, seconded by Supervisor Braverman to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM.

Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk