

Minutes of Meeting
Sauk County Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee

September 12, 2023

The regular meeting of the Sauk County Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 05:00 pm, in Room 213, West Square Building, 505 Broadway, Baraboo WI

The meeting was properly posted and all interested parties were notified.

Members Present: J. Deitrich, S. Carver, D. Clemens, D. Scanlon

Members Absent: K. Schell

Members Excused:

Others Present: R. Meister, G. Hahn, D. O'Rourke, C. Wastlick, Y. Neumann, R. Greenwood, K. Koback, J. Hoenisch; E. VanDenHeuvel, S. Benton

1. Call to Order and Certification of Open Meeting Law

The meeting was called to order and in compliance with the Open Meeting Law was certified by John Deitrich at 05:00 pm.

2. Agenda

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Carver to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

3. Approve minutes of Previous Meeting(s) Law Enforcement & Judiciary Committee

Motion by Carver, seconded by Clemens to approve minutes from August 8, 2023. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Communications

None

6. Review and approve expenses - Circuit Court

Motion by Scanlon, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the Circuit Court expenses in the amount of \$882.67. Bills discussed. Motion carried. No jury expenses.

7. Departmental update – Register in Probate

Caseload similar to prior year. Revenues still coming in and budget will be offset by end of the year.

Motion by Scanlon, seconded by Carver to approve payment of the Register in Probate in the amount of \$4930.00. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

8. Departmental Update – Child Support

Collected more in August than last year but about even for total year to date. Have reached all of their benchmarks for this year in the federal fiscal year which ends September 30 and will be eligible for all the performance incentives. Invoices are higher as 4 people are attending the state conference and a Spanish interpreter was needed to translate for a court order.

Motion by Clemens, seconded by Carver to approve payment of the Child Support Agency in the amount of \$3714.11. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

9. Departmental Update - Court Commissioner

Consistent with last year. Number of temporary orders/other hearings have increased as stated in prior meetings. Website is live, in initial stages and still a work in progress.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Scanlon to approve payment of the Court Commissioner expenses in the amount of \$900.08. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

10. Departmental Update – Clerk of Court

Still in conversations with HR to hire a Spanish staff interpreter. State reimbursement and looking into other resources to help cover the cost. August revenue was better than last year. State aid is in and budget is looking a lot more stable. Received more money in GAL reimbursement than expected. Expenses on high side but overall budget is ok.

Motion by Scanlon, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the Clerk of Court expenses in the amount of \$41277.11. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

11. Departmental Update – District Attorney

Case filings as usual from this time last year. State reimbursement for next year's budget is 51% not 60% as expected for first half of next year.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the District Attorney expenses in the amount of \$495.53. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

12. Operations Update-Sauk County Animal Shelter

Rose appeared and gave report. Took in 56 animals. Took in a stray chicken and domestic duck. Responded to 42 calls and 15 bite cases.

13. Departmental Update – Coroner

Invoices standard.

Motion by Scanlon, seconded by Carver to approve payment of the Coroner's expenses in the amount of \$1941.90. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

14. Departmental Update – Sheriff

Budget at 66% mark. Have not received the 8 new squads yet that were ordered back in February. Looking at possibly more Chevrolets than Fords for next year's squads. Blacktopped portion of the shooting range and splitting the cost with Ian from building and grounds. 3 Deputies sworn into the jail and currently have 5 female staff vacancies. Invoices higher as taser renewal costs have gone up.

Motion by Scanlon, seconded by Clemens to approve payment of the Sheriff's expenses in the amounts of \$99,745.80, \$105,105.30 and \$221,383.14. Bills discussed. Motion carried.

15. Item was not discussed and will be moved to the October agenda to be addressed.

16. Next meeting date, time and agenda items

October 10, 2023

17. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the committee was scheduled for Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Motion by Carver, seconded by Clemens to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 pm. Motion Carried.



Sheila Carver

(Minutes taken by Julie Hoenisch)