

Kewaunee County Public Safety & Justice Committee Minutes
April 13, 2022

The Public Safety & Justice Committee meeting was held on April 13, 2022 in the County Board Conference Room, at the Kewaunee County Administration Building.

Call to Order: John Mastalir called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

Members Present: John Mastalir, Joe Lukes, and Scott Jahnke, Sheriff Matt Joski, and Chief Deputy Jason Veaser. EOC Director, Tracy Nollenberg was excused. Doug Doell and Doak Baker were absent

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda was made by Joe Lukes, and second made by Scott Jahnke. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from March 10, 2022 was made by Scott Jahnke. Second was made by Joe Lukes. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

Justice Reports: None

Child Support: None

AGENDA:

Emergency Management: No report as Director Nollenberg was not present.

Sheriff's Office:

- a. **Review of 2022 Budge to date:** The budget shared was through the month of February. Sheriff Joski pointed out we are currently at 14.86% for the new year. Some smaller items are high, mainly due to paying the one time dues, or annual maintenance etc. that are paid at the start of the year. This includes the TIME system which is at 98.43%, but there should be no other monies from that category. The building maintenance is a little higher, but that is mainly due to having a new evidence tech, Inv Zellner, and he is updating some necessary things at the evidence facility. The \$15,000 is still in outlay for the drain project at evidence, however the drain installation work began and concrete will be poured today. Joski also stated he has been in conversation with Ewald, and was told they received a letter from Chrysler that Chrysler will not be getting vehicles to Ewald to fulfill their contracts. Joski reviewed our 2022 Durango will be delivered, however, Dodge is not making the "2022" Chargers we have budgeted in outlay until December. Ewald will not honor our 2022 contracts, as the Chargers will be at 2023 prices. We will have to address this "added" cost when doing the 2023 budget. The "rotation" schedule will remain on the 5 year rotation. We will just have to make this 6 month adjustment between the 2022 and 2023 budgets. Sheriff Joski also wanted

to point out that the sheriff's department, came in with \$24,000 excess and under budget for 2021, which he commended his department considering they are working with a 4.5 million dollar budget.

- b. Staffing Update: Sheriff Joski shared the department will be having Swearing In ceremonies for Deputy Robert Campbell, Deputy Shane Johnson and Deputy Logan Heraly on Thursday, April 21, 2022. The next officer, Solomon Yang will be starting at the beginning of the next pay period, which will be at the end of April. The department will still be down 2 positions, but we can only train so many at a time. Joski is aware there will be a number of vacancies coming up in 2023 due to retirements. This makes it urgent that we hire ahead to have our people trained before these "senior officers" leave, and there is a smooth transition, and we can avoid the situation we are in now because we can't move people into position without causing a problem in jail/dispatch.
- c. Review of Overtime by category: Chief Deputy shared an Overtime comparison report. With the jail being down 3 positions, and patrol and investigations each 1 position it did cause an increase in overtime in 2021 so far. The 84 hours showing under Grants will be fully reimbursed by the Click It and the Speed grants we received. Transports, which we have no control over, has also been a large amount of OT hours. These also are not controllable, and caused because we have to get these people medically cleared at a hospital prior to transporting them to a facility, and it averages 10 hours for each call to do this. John questioned at this time if the disruptive inmates situations have gotten any better. It has improved, but the one inmate (who is expected to be in our jail for some time yet) is currently being separated, and taking up two cells. We got a new inmate over the past weekend, who also has cause for concern. Discussion on the hardships of the dispatcher having to watch over the cameras, along with the blind spots took place.
- d. Update on Jail Study Process: Sheriff Joski was not able to attend the last meeting, but Chief Deputy Veaser shared the committee again trimmed the plans to the absolute minimum to operate such a facility. The committee has done their due diligence and have done everything possible to present a facility to the tax payers, knowing we got it down to the most cost effective possible. Part of this process was operating the jail with 5, down from 6. After a tour at Iowa County, our command staff believes we could work this out. Sheriff pointed out this actually would make the jail start at 1 position down, and makes manning the staff tricky, should things like FMLA arise, but it is possible. The belief of board members present is we need to get the building of the new jail through without a referendum. Scott Feldt and Paul Kunesh are working the numbers, and it is hoped to be presented to the county board at the May meeting. Discussion on levy limits took place and how this affects a project like this in our county.
- e. Discussion & Possible Action-Recommendation to post for Sheriff's Assistant Position. Sheriff Joski announced Mary Berkovitz has tendered her retirement notice, for August 5th. Joski is requesting to post for her position in order to have some overlap to train the new hire. A motion was made by Scott Jahnke to move forward and begin the process to hire for the sheriff's assistant position. A second was made by Joe Lukes. Motion carried. Joski will get necessary information to Administration for the next step.

- f. Update on new Squad purchase delays: Due to supply issues. This was discussed in the budget update by Sheriff Joski.
- g. Review & Recommendation regarding holiday pay for Jailers: Sheriff Joski addressed that currently any of our personnel in the jail that are working on a holiday do not get paid anything “extra” and it is treated like any other day at “regular time”, where county personnel get paid for holidays, such as Christmas, and Memorial Day for a full day and they do not have to be at the job. He would like to recommend the executive committee address this, and pay the personnel that work on holidays time and a half. It was discussed this is something that should be addressed to correct this when doing the budget for next year. Joski will bring this up later this year, near budget time.

Joe Lukes asked Sheriff Joski about some recent meetings he spoke at regarding loose materials, such as silage, needing to be tarped. Joski shared this will be a learning/educating process but it will be necessary for silage trucks to tarp their loads, and if the department gets a complaint, they will work with those involved to fix the problem.

Next Meeting Dates: The next meeting was set for May 11, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. to be held in the County Board conference room at the Administrative Building. John Mastalir noted he will be on vacation for the May meeting and asked Scott Jahnke to conduct the meeting. Proposed date set for June 8, 2022 at 8:15 a.m. also in County Board conference room at 8:15 a.m.

Travel Requests: Emergency Management: None
Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Chelsea Broomhall-Negotiator School, Wausau, April 3-8, 2022.

Chairperson's Comments: None

Other Matters as Authorized by Law: None

Adjourned: Scott Jahnke made the motion to adjourn, and Joe Lukes seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes provided by:
Mary Berkovitz, Recording Secretary