

## JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 7, 2010  
Administrative Center – Room 3220  
2:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vicki Burke, Joe Bilskemper, Ray Ebert, Bridget Flood, Maureen Freedland, Brad Konkel (2:44 p.m.)

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tammy Gamroth

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Steve Helgeson, Margaret Norden, Mike Keifer, Bryan Jostad, Bill Shepherd, Steve Anderson, Jan Contreras

### ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Vicki Burke called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

### APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2010

**MOTION** by Flood/Bilskemper to approve the Committee Minutes of November 2, 2010.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth, Konkel excused.

### APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION** by Bilskemper/Flood to receive and file the following consent agenda items: Criminal Justice Management Council Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2010, and the Criminal Justice Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of July 14, August 11, September 8, and October 13, 2010. **Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth, Konkel excused.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None requested.

### CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT

None reported.

NOTE: The Chair took the following agenda item out of order.

### UPDATE ON JAIL PROGRAMMING

Mike Keifer provided a list of jail programs. He reported in particular on the new program, Thinking for a Change, which is a cognitive intervention program. He stated that both Attic Correctional Services and Justice Sanctions are now using the program, and there could be additional groups in the jail and/or community. It is a 12 week program with two sessions per week. Discussion followed regarding success measurement, and Keifer reported they will use recidivism and employment data to evaluate the success of the program. Chair Burke commented on the importance of assessments in deciding the best programs for individual inmates.

### APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR ARAMARK FOR JAIL MEAL SERVICES

Bryan Jostad presented information regarding a contract extension for Aramark Food Service. He reported on the following contract benefits that would be based on either a five-year extension or a three-year extension:

1.	Five-year: Aramark will waive its per meal increase, and in 2011 will maintain its 2010 price per meal.
	Three-year: Aramark will cap the price per meal increase at 2% for 2011.
2.	Five-year: Aramark will make a capital investment of \$10,000 in additional baking equipment.
	Three-year: No capital investment.

He also reported on the following that would be in place for either a five-year or three-year extension:

3.	Aramark will pay La Crosse County \$18,200.00 per year for use of its Law Enforcement Center kitchen to prepare meals for the Winona County Jail (separate amendment to be reviewed each year).
4.	Aramark will continue to maintain, repair, and replace County-owned kitchen equipment at their expense up to \$12,000.00 per year. If not used, 50% is to be paid to the County at the end of the year.
5.	Aramark will oversee in-house laundry operations at no charge to the County.
6.	Aramark will allow the County access to discount suppliers.

He recommended a five-year extension. Discussion was held regarding inmate labor in the jail. Sheriff Helgeson responded that with the emphasis on moving inmates to Justice Sanctions, there were issues to resolve with scheduling inmates who are appropriate for the kitchen and providing security. They may have the option to schedule Probation & Parole clients for community service. **MOTION** by Bilskemper/Flood to approve the five-year contract extension for Aramark for jail meal services. **Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth excused.

### **APPROVE CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR HPL FOR JAIL MEDICAL SERVICES**

Bryan Jostad presented information on a contract with Health Professionals Limited, and reported that a team consisting of the Sheriff's Department, Finance Department, Corporation Counsel and County Administrator recommended a two-year renewal. HPL will provide medical services for the following professional services (hours per week): Physician (3), registered nurse (40), licensed practical nurse (105), medical records clerk (15). Additionally, an on-call physician will be available 24 hours a day. The contract also includes pharmacy and dental services and off-site hospitalization and specialty services. HPL has agreed to a 0% increase in 2011, and 3% in 2012. The cost in 2011 is \$513,029.00. Lengthy discussion followed regarding the nurse practitioner/physician assistant position, and Steve O'Malley stated he would provide verification of the number of hours. **MOTION** by Freedland/Bilskemper to approve the contract extension for HPL for jail medical services. **Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth excused.

### **REPORT ON BANGOR ELEMENTARY FUNDING FOR K-9 PROGRAM**

Steve Helgeson reported that the Bangor 8<sup>th</sup> graders chose the Sheriff's K-9 program for their fundraising project. He also reported that a puppy has been obtained by one of the deputies as a possible replacement for Cliff, the current Sheriff Department canine.

### **REPORT ON BANNING SYNTHETIC CANNABINOIDS**

Bill Shepherd provided information and a list of references to news articles regarding synthetic marijuana. The City of La Crosse took action recently on an ordinance to ban synthetic marijuana, and the State legislature may ban the substance. The federal Drug Enforcement Agency has announced it will use emergency powers to ban synthetic marijuana possession and sale for at least one year. Sheriff Helgeson stated that if the DEA bans, federal agents will probably enforce. Shepherd also reported that Justice Sanctions has learned that testing of K2 would be at a cost of \$30 per sample, and that the total projected cost of \$347,820 per year. Chair Burke stated that no action would be taken on the Ordinance to Create S.9.18 Entitled "Synthetic Cannabinoid Prohibited" and Amend S.2504(4)(c) Entitled "Schedule of Deposits" of the General Code of La Crosse County, Wisconsin or the Resolution Re: Support for Banning Synthetic Cannabinoids.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

None requested.

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2011, AT 2:30 P.M.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Bilskemper/Flood to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

**Approved,** January 11, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder