

## **JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 15, 2011  
Administrative Center – Room 3220  
2:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vicki Burke, Joe Bilskemper (2:31 p.m.), Ray Ebert, Maureen Freedland, Tammy Gamroth, Brad Konkel

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Bridget Flood

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Steve Helgeson, Jeff Wolf, Margaret Norden, Bev Heebisch, Al Blencoe, Jay Loeffler, Doris Daggett, Mike Horstman, Jane Klekamp, Brandon Stoughtenger and Sabiye

### **ROLL CALL/CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2011**

**MOTION** by Bilskemper/Gamroth to approve the Committee Minutes of January 11, 2011.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Flood excused.

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** by Bilskemper/Gamroth to receive and file the following consent agenda items:

Criminal Justice Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of December 8, 2010

Law Enforcement Center Addition Construction Committee Minutes of January 11, 2011

Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes of July 21, 2010

**Motion carried unanimously.** Flood excused.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

None reported.

### **APPROVE K-9 PROGRAM PROPOSAL**

Jeff Wolf reported that the K-9 unit dog, Cliff, has reached an age where the Sheriff's Department needs to plan for a replacement. There is a three-year old boxer that is available at this time, and there are funds available for a purchase: The owner is making a \$4,000 donation toward the purchase price of \$11,500.00; the Bangor Middle School's Leadership Class has donated \$5,000.00 from their fundraiser; and there has been another private donation of \$2,500.00. Brandon Stoughtenger has been selected to be the handler, and brought the dog, Sabiye, to the meeting. Discussion was held about the boxer breed, cost of training, situations where the K-9 unit is used, and the feasibility of using the K-9 unit for school searches. Deputy Stoughtenger also gave examples of individual cases where the K-9 unit was used. He reported that the total number of dogs among law enforcement agencies in the county has gone from one to seven. **MOTION** by Konkel/Bilskemper to approve going forward with the K-9 program proposal at no cost to the county. **Motion carried unanimously.** Flood excused.

### **UPDATE ON WOMEN'S JAIL MOVE**

Steve Helgeson reported that females have not yet been moved to the new facility. The Department of Corrections doesn't want to do a jail inspection until construction is 100% completed. Inspection is scheduled for Thursday, February 17, 2011.

## REPORT ON COMMUNITY SERVICE MONITORING

Jane Klekamp reported that community service can be court-ordered, or can be in lieu of being incarcerated for failure to pay fines. Supervisors Ebert and Freedland asked about the process for assigning and tracking community service, and Klekamp replied that some agencies where clients are assigned, e.g. Goodwill and Salvation Army, are good about following up on concerns, but at present there is not a monitoring system in place that can guarantee clients have completed an independent assignment. Klekamp reported that community service is not considered to be a behavior changing method.

## UPDATE ON WOMEN'S COMMUNITY-BASED FACILITY AND CARE CENTER

Jane Klekamp provided statistics on the Women's Community Based Facility:

	2008	2009	Projected 2010	If at Capacity (10 residents)
Total Expenditures	\$90,738	\$213,635	\$247,820	\$247,820
Bed Days Saved	568	1,536	2,500*	3,650
Cost Per Participant	\$160/day	\$139/day	\$99/day	\$68/day

She will provide her complete report electronically to committee members. The Care Center is under the Human Services Department. Sheriff Helgeson reported that law enforcement feels it has worked out well for them. Klekamp will follow up on Supervisor Ebert's inquiries regarding the first year costs.

## 2010 REVIEW OF EMERGENCY SERVICES

Jay Loeffler provided statistics on 911 calls. There has been a 4% increase from 2009; in 2010 there were 29,131 calls, or an average of 800 calls per day. He stated that 69% of all calls are from wireless phones, which reflects the national trend away from land line technology. He provided information on the number of calls per service as follows:

- 112,583 Law Enforcement - 1% decrease from 2009
- 6,140 Emergency Medical Service - 3% increase from 2009
- 2,140 Fire Fighting - 7% increase from 2009

He also provided statistics on average time to answer 911 calls, and average time to dispatch appropriate responders. He gave an update on Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) and stated that La Crosse, Onalaska, Campbell, Shelby, La Crescent, and Stoddard Fire Departments have signed on; others are waiting to participate until it is known how it is working.

## APPROVE PAYMENT OF NARROWBAND EQUIPMENT

This is an anticipated, budgeted expense due to the FCC mandate to transition to narrowband by the end of 2012. Al Blencoe reported on the three options presented to accomplish narrowbanding:

New Fire/paging Simulcast Channel: \$199,532

New Fire/paging channel – no simulcast: \$88,498

No new channel - Reprogram all public safety radios: \$3,480

The second option was chosen with an option to upgrade to simulcast at a later date. He reported that the committee is hoping to continue to meet to keep exploring different options and technologies to be able to plan for the future. **MOTION** by Bilskemper/Freedland to approve payment of narrowband equipment upon completion of installation. **Motion carried unanimously.** Flood excused.

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Cost effectiveness of the women's community based programming compared to jail

**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: MARCH 8, 2011**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Bilskemper/Konkel to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

**Approved,** March 8, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder