

## **JUDICIARY AND LAW COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, March 8, 2011  
Administrative Center – Room 3220  
2:30 P.M.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vicki Burke, Joe Bilskemper, Ray Ebert, Maureen Freedland, Brad Konkel

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tammy Gamroth

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bridget Flood

**STAFF & GUESTS:** Steve O'Malley, Steve Helgeson, Jeff Wolf, Mike Horstman, Margaret Norden, Jay Loeffler, Doris Daggett, Bev Hebsch

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

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

### **APPROVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

**MOTION** by Freedland/Konkel to approve the Committee Minutes of February 15, 2011.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth excused; Flood absent.

### **APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Criminal Justice Management Council Minutes of January 19, 2011, and Criminal Justice Management Executive Committee Minutes of January 12, 2011;

Law Enforcement Center Addition Construction Committee Minutes of February 15, 2011;

Local Emergency Planning Committee Minutes of September 15 and November 17, 2010.

**Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth excused; Flood absent.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None requested.

### **CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORT**

- Supervisor Konkel reported on doing two ride-along's with the Sheriff's Department, including one with the K-9 unit.
- Supervisor Freedland reported on the jail chaplain's training she attended, and suggested asking Chaplain Skemp to speak at a future meeting.
- Supervisor Ebert reported that he had toured the remodeled jail receiving area.
- Chair Burke reported on the town hall meeting, and thanked Sheriff Helgeson for his participation and input.

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

Doris Daggett reported that female inmates were transported by van in three trips on February 23, 2011. There are adjustments being made to the new facility. She took questions about female jail capacity and programming compared to the male section, and privacy screening for the females. Supervisor Freedland stated she would like to see similar accommodations and programming availability for both male and female.

### **APPROVE OJA RADIO GRANT**

Mike Horstman reported that the Office of Justice Assistance has awarded a total of \$50,977.00 to agencies in La Crosse County, of which \$39,428.00 is federal match from the Homeland Security Grant Program, to update radios for La Crosse County agencies. He reported that the Sheriff's Department allocation is \$6,179.16. The funds will be used to replace three older VHF radios with WISCOM VHF-trunked enabled radios. **MOTION** by Konkel/Freedland to accept the Office of Justice Assistance grant. **Motion carried unanimously.** Gamroth excused; Flood absent.

### **UPDATE ON EMS COMMISSION**

Jay Loeffler provided the Tri-State Ambulance report that was distributed at the last meeting of the EMS Commission. He reported that the City of La Crosse, Village of West Salem, and Towns of Greenfield and Hamilton have not signed the agreement. The Town of Farmington also has not signed because it has its own contract with Tri-State. The Town of Burns, and Villages of Bangor and Rockland have an agreement with the Sparta ambulance service. Steve O'Malley explained that La Crosse County's role has been to ensure an orderly process if there would ever be a change in ambulance service.

### **ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

Jail chaplains program  
Family Court Commissioner report  
Clerk of Courts report

### **NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING: APRIL 12, 2011**

Chair Burke said she would not be able to attend the April 12, 2011, meeting. She asked to hold the Law Enforcement Construction Committee meeting on April 5, 2011, if possible.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Konkell/Bilskemper to adjourn. **Motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

**Approved,** April 12, 2011, Margaret Norden, Recorder