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Call to Order

Chairman Chuck Jensen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, August 22, 2023 in the County Board Room of the Jackson County Courthouse. Ron Carney, Garth Rolbiecki, Max Hart and Bill Laurent present. Also Present Chief Deputy Olson, Captain Kaylan Rich, Patrol Captain Nicholas Gray, County Board Chair Jeff Amo, and Human Resource Manager Susie Meinerz.

Agenda Revisions

None

Set next meeting date/time

September 21 10:00 a.m. County Board Room Regular meeting
Will revisit and schedule, 2023 10:30 Special Budget Meeting

Approve minutes from previous meetings

Motion to approve minutes by Rolbiecki; 2nd by Carney to approve with changes regarding legislature letter; all in favor motion carried.

Discuss/Act -Strategic Planning/Building Needs

Rolbiecki – asking about jail only project. Last month approved motion to suggest building site to be on Bauer Road. Looking at DHHS now as a building site. Drone pictures taken during fair; Hart/Amo would be no vote if moved to DHHS. Still concerns of not having united campus for response time. Cost of \$60 Million is unbelievable compared to costs of new schools and hospitals being built. Belief is that we need a new jail – not sheriff's office or courthouse. Would be logical to join them together but the cost of \$60M is a lot of money. Would just a jail footprint fit in our current location? Recently had discussion to close 3rd Street for just a jail. Public meetings to get word out as to what is needed and see what happens. Chief Deputy comments Every meeting we bring what can we do for a solution we are busting at the seams. We keep going in circles. If we build only a jail and need to have minimum staffing of jail but would need double staffing in order to do that. Presenters brought up topics at County Board meeting that were not recommended by the LEC. Who will be the spokesperson at the meetings to make sure the topics presented are what was recommended. Command staff from SO will be in attendance at all the meetings. Representatives from LEC should be in attendance as well. The meeting sites have been proposed and should not be a problem to be held at the schools and Ho-Chunk nation. Rolbiecki states looking at 3 options for public. If goes to referendum, would it be presented as yes or no and separate with cost options. A referendum would need to be presented 75 days prior to election. Amo doesn't think the recommendation will make the October County Board. It would be November.

Capital Vehicle Review

Have been working with Matt from Enterprise. Contracts have been sent to Corp Counsel for review. Some flags have been made for changes. Showed contracts for Altoona which has the same language. Vehicles need to be ordered by October. Believe there will be a contract very soon in time for 2024 budget planning. Can get out at any time if wanted. We would be purchasing the vehicles through them instead of on our own. Buy back is whatever the market price is at the end of the lease. Buffalo County is pulling out because they have such a



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small fleet and low miles per year. There is no mileage limit. Plan is to replace everything in our fleet that is over 80,000 miles. We looked at replacing 21 out of 31 vehicles which would be 10 admin vehicles and 11 squads. Set up costs and regular maintenance is included in the monthly payment. Will bring back to budgeting meeting with costs.

Divisional Reports

Written reports submitted. TSS not present Chief updated on what she has been working on. She has been working with vendors regarding 5 year plans and working on discovery requests. When County switched to Office 365 it was discovered it does not work with our version of Flex. One of the programs affected is RipnRun which works with IamResponding to notify EMS/First Responders/Fire. Working on getting this fixed but need upgrade in order to make it work.

Jail – Out of county currently 17 housed out of county. 28 here right now. High volume of record requests regarding inmates for discovery on high profile cases. Is there a way to show classification breakdown? Rolbiecki believes that the number of problems we have regarding classification is a small percentage compared to larger population jails. Biggest classification we have is mental health. All jails have the same issues with mental health and staffing issues. Captain Rich can provide breakdown of classification. Laurant would like to read the classification manual to educate himself on the process.

Staff Vacancies and Recruitment Updates

Conditional offer out for full time jail position. Behavioral health should start Sept 5th. Office spaces have been accommodated.

Vouchers Payable

Motion by Hart 2nd by Laurant to pay vouchers as presented. All in favor; motion carried.

2023 Budget Review

Motion by Rolbiecki 2nd by Carney to approve budget status. All in favor; motion carried.

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Hart 2nd by Laurant to adjourn at 10:53 a.m.