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Call to Order

Chairman Rolbiecki called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, in the County Board Room of Jackson County Courthouse. Also present were Sheriff Waldera, Chief Deputy Gray, Cindy Altman County Clerk, Facilities Manager Rick Poff, County Board Chair Jeff Amo.

Agenda Revisions

None

Set Next Meeting Date & Time

January 9, 2024 9 a.m.

Approve minutes previous meeting(s) Discuss/Act

Motion by Laurent to approve minutes with changed language to state in brief and out brief by Equivant Study. 2nd by Anderson All in favor; motion carried.

Building Needs

- I. Fire Chief report for Pre-Book Area Letter states Chief Stoker doesn't see any issues with making modifications to make that a secure door.
- II. Pre-Book Area motion by Carney 2nd by Hart to continue with the project of securing the entrance. Facilities states there is no camera to view who is coming in so that may need to be upgraded. Would need to explore what DOC needs to meet code etc.
- III. Front Lobby Outside Entrance – pending legal advice. Sheriff reports that Corp Counsel advises there could be a restraining order, citation issue, signage regarding hours of operations, etc.

Equivant Assessment Update

Assessment was completed Friday, December 13, 2024. Waiting on the results of study. Will provide report of findings within 30 days possibly as soon as 15 days.

Jail Space Study RFP Update

Amo reports three organizations came for a tour and asked questions. Expecting at least one proposal to come back by 12/20/24. Possibly all three will return bids. Kramer/Cline McCarthy, one from Illinois and Market & Johnson partnered with Wold out of Minneapolis. Amo would like to meet on January 7th at 9 a.m. to review proposals.

Proposed Updated Jail Fees

Chapter 5.09 allows county to seek reimbursement for certain fees. Jail Captain and Lieutenant checked with DOC and other jails in the State and took the median range of fees and that is what is presented. Motion by Laurent 2nd by Carney to approve proposed fees to be published January 1, 2025. All in favor motion carried.



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Flock Cameras Update

Based out of California and getting a meeting set with them would be difficult. Sheriff moved forward with the agreement to purchase and install fees were waived. Will run as a trial and report back out regarding future use and sustainability. Placement of cameras is strategic for getting the best coverage based on the network of coverage from other counties. Discussion regarding drones. Sheriff's office does have a drone. Using it presents challenges when operating in a paid capacity. Depending on circumstances, WEM has a division that operates drones and are available for use when needed as a mutual aid.

Divisional Reports

Written reports presented. Discussion regarding IAMResponding and paging out. IAMResponding does show on their website they are having issues making everything work. We are working through the issues and trying to get a resolution to make it work properly. Amo reports there is money set aside for upgrades. The sheriff states we are looking at options regarding upgrades. Question regarding what jail recovery housing unit means. The concern is if it would involve any kind of redesign.

Staff Vacancies and Recruitment Updates

Jail – Sgt retirement tomorrow. Interviews taking place. May have up to 3 full-time vacancies and 3 LTE vacancies.

Patrol – One FT transitioning to LT. creating 4 FT vacancies in patrol. Conditional offers are out. One completed the academy about 12 weeks to complete FTO program. One has about 5 weeks left of FTO. We have employees slated for school at WTC but it is a 20 week program plus 12 week FTO for a total of 32 weeks before in place solo.

Communications – 1 FTE vacancy

Approve Vouchers Payable Discuss/Act

Motion by Laurent 2nd by Anderson to approve vouchers. All in favor motion carried.

Budget

Wrapping up year end spending. Looking at a time server clock for Northfield tower to get that fixed.

Closed Session

Motion by Anderson 2nd by Carney at 11:15 to convene into closed session for discussion of employee related matters pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call all yes.

6 month patrol deputy review

No action taken. Motion to return to open session at 11:31 a.m. by Hart 2nd by Laurent. All in favor; motion carried

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Hart; 2nd by Anderson to adjourn at 11:31 a.m. All in favor; motion carried.