

**POLK COUNTY PUBLIC PROTECTION AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

Multi-Purpose Room, Justice Center

April 10, 2007

1:00 p.m.

**Present:** Bryan Beseler  
Jay Luke

Patricia Schmidt  
Robert Blake

**Absent:** Kim O'Connell

**Also Present:** Jeffrey Fuge  
Lois Hoff

Tim Moore  
Steve Moe

Dan Steffen  
Andrea Jerrick

**Media:** Gregg Westigard  
Inter-County Leader

Bryan Beseler called the monthly meeting of the Polk County Public Protection and Judicial Committee to order at 1:04 pm.

**Agenda:** Motion to approve agenda by Luke, seconded by Blake. Fuge recommended an award presentation be conducted during the Committee Observances agenda item. All in favor. Carried.

**Minutes:** Motion to approve the minutes of March 13, 2007, meeting by Schmidt, seconded by Blake. All in favor. Carried.

**Public Comment:** None

**Clerk of Courts:** Hoff gave out and reviewed the Clerk of Circuit Court Office 2006 Annual Report in preparation for distribution at the April county board meeting.

**Medical Examiner:** The ME's first quarter report was distributed. Andrea Jerrick of Human Resources introduced and led a discussion regarding the status of the ME office. Dinnes will attend the May committee meeting for further discussion. Jerrick will investigate and report on state trends and will also report on the ME's time spent on the position in the past. No committee action was required.

**Closed Session:** Motion by Blake, seconded by Luke, to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(f). Blake, yes; Luke, yes; Schmidt, yes; Beseler, yes.

Closed Session was held.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Schmidt, to return to open session at 2:06 pm. Unanimous yes vote.

**District Attorney:** Steffen reported interviews have been held for the part-time accounting position and the Human Resources Department is completing the hiring process. His office is actively pursuing seizure and bond money.

A short recess was taken at 2:15 pm.

**Child Support:** Fuge distributed the quarterly expenditures report along with the monthly child support case activity report. The Agency Performance Overview for December 2006-March 2007 was also presented and discussed. In addition Fuge presented Child Support Provisions in the 2007-09 Governor's Budget.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Luke, to approve Fuge's travel to WCSEA Board meetings on a standing basis. Meetings are held quarterly. All in favor. Carried.

Motion by Luke, seconded by Blake, to authorize Fuge and the child support financial specialist to attend a roundtable discussion to be held in Chippewa Falls in May. All in favor. Carried.

Fuge reported there is a bill in the Wisconsin Legislature to enable integrating the KIDS computer program with the Clerk of Court's which would add efficiency of the two departments. He also reported he has been nominated for a position on the City of Lindstrom Planning Commission and asked for committee approved. No objection was voiced.

**Sheriff:** Moore reported the exercise equipment at the Justice Center has been paid for as contracted with employees when the Center was built. Presently there is \$1870 in the fund and is being held for maintenance of the equipment. The committee directed Fuge to draft a resolution for the May county board meeting directing the finance director to deduct from new employees checks, on a volunteer basis, an amount similar to contributions made in the previous contract.

Motion by Blake, seconded by Luke, authorizing the sheriff to get RFPs for new patrol vehicles. All in favor. Carried.

The Agreement Between Polk County and Burnett County for the Housing of Inmates in the Polk County Jail has been reviewed and changes approved by Burnett County. Motion by Blake, seconded by Luke, to approve changes and bring the resolution before the Polk County Board in May. All in favor. Carried.

The Agreement Between Polk County and Chisago County for the Housing of Inmates in the Polk County Jail has been returned without comment from the Wisconsin Attorney General's Office indicating approval, a necessary step as this is an inter-state contract. Fuge has approved the contract. Motion by Luke, seconded by Blake to bring the resolution before the Polk County Board in May. All in favor. Carried.

Moore indicated Altel has proposed leasing space on the Johnstown communications tower. Discussion was held. The committee wants the county's bond counsel to investigate the status of the county's bonds as related to commercial endeavors. Clarification is also needed on which committee is the oversight committee for contracts once the Communications Tower Committee is dissolved. Fuge was directed to investigate.

Moore reported there are 128 inmates in the jail, 40 of which are out-of-county. One new officer is in training. He also reported on the training for sheriffs held in Colorado he and one other Wisconsin sheriff attended.

**The committee agreed to meet at 11:00 am on Tuesday, May 8, for the annual jail inspection and committee monthly meeting.**

Award recipient was not in attendance.

Motion by Luke, seconded by Blake, to adjourn. All in favor. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Patricia M. Schmidt  
Acting as Committee Secretary