

Approved 8/23/22
MINUTES
Public Safety and Justice Committee
June 21, 2022
@ 1:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Rosenbohm – Chairperson; Eden Blair, Brandy Bryant, Brian Elsasser (<i>via teleconference</i>), Rob Reneau, Steven Rieker, Phillip Salzer, Sharon Williams
MEMBERS ABSENT:
OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Sorrel – County Administrator; Shauna Musselman – Assistant County Administrator; Jennie Cordis Boswell - State's Attorney's Office; Gretchen Pearsall – County Administration; Jodi Noe – ETSB; Mark Bronke – Probation & Court Services; Gabe McLeod – Courts Administration; Brian Asbell, Doug Gaa, Randy Brunner – Sheriff's Office

Call to Order

Chairman Rosenbohm called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

A motion to allow the participation of Mr. Elsasser via teleconference was made by Mr. Salzer and seconded by Mr. Reneau. The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022 was made by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Blair. The motion carried unanimously (8-0).

Informational Items / Reports / Other Minutes / Updates

- ETSB

Ms. Noe advised that the ETSB is awaiting approval from the State regarding the Stark County Consolidation Grant. She commented that the NG911 project has been initiated and is anticipated to be complete by mid-July.

- Public Defender Report

No report. No questions or comments from committee.

Resolutions

- **Metropolitan Airport Authority of Peoria Police Services Agreement**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Ms. Bryant. Sheriff Asbell remarked that Bellwether was retained to provide a cost study for police services. He stated that after the study was complete, the Sheriff's Office began negotiations with the Airport Authority Board based upon updated cost study values provided by Bellwether. He stated that a 5-year agreement is recommended for approval, with the first year seeing an increase from the previous contract based upon updated charges for services and a 0% increase in the remaining four years.

The motion to approve carried unanimously. (7-0; Mr. Elsasser absent for vote)

- **Dunlap Unit School District Police Services Agreement**

A motion to approve was made by Ms. Bryant and seconded by Mr. Reneau. Sheriff Asbell advised that a 3-year agreement is recommended for approval, with the first year seeing an increase from the previous contract based upon updated charges for services and years two and three increasing 3% per year.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (8-0).

- **SFY23 Problem-Solving Courts Evaluation Contract**

A motion to approve was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Ms. Bryant. Mr. Bronke advised that staff recommends entering into a Problem-Solving Courts Evaluation contract with Illinois State University to conduct a Problem-Solving Courts evaluation. He explained that as a part of being certified courts by the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts, an evaluation from an outside vendor is required to evaluate the efficiency and operation of the problem-solving courts, primarily to ensure the courts are operating in accordance with certification standards. He advised that evaluations across the state are performed by university personnel primarily as an effort to lower costs, and utilize graduate students in the research. He stated that the contract totals just over \$28,000.00, with funding split between SFY2022 and SFY2023, and is funded through the Probation Services Fund. He added that a comprehensive report will be released at the completion of the evaluation.

Mr. Rosenbohm asked Mr. Bronke to provide an update on the results of the previous evaluation, which was performed by Bradley University, at the next meeting of the committee.

A motion to amend the resolution adding the language *“upon review and approval by the State’s Attorney’s Office”* was made by Dr. Blair and seconded by Ms. Bryant. The motion to amend carried unanimously (8-0).

The motion to approve as amended carried unanimously (8-0).

- **SFY23 Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant**

A motion to approve was made by Mr. Rieker and seconded by Ms. Bryant. Mr. Bronke advised that Peoria County has been awarded this continuation grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the SFY2023. He stated that the grant, in which Peoria County has been a participant since 2013, identifies high risk, non-violent offenders in the prison population to determine a more cost-effective method of supervision of those non-violent offenders in the community vs. incarceration. He noted that \$282,000.00 grant fully funds the cost of 2.5 positions.

The motion to approve carried unanimously (7-0; Mr. Elsasser absent for vote).

Committee Action

- **Review of Executive Session Minutes**

Ms. Cordis Boswell advised that it is the recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office that all previously held executive session minutes continue to be held closed as the need for confidentiality still exists, and to destroy executive session audio recordings more than two years old, except those that relate to pending litigation.

A motion to accept the recommendation of the State’s Attorney’s Office was made by Mr. Reneau and seconded by Ms. Bryant. The motion to approve carried unanimously (7-0) Mr. Elsasser absent for vote.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Rieker recognized the service of Captain Gaa to Peoria County, who is leaving Peoria County on June 30th. Captain Gaa stated that it has been an honor to serve with the Sheriff's Office for the past 29 years.

Mr. Reneau asked for an update on the deputy who was injured in an auto accident recently, and Captain Watkins advised the deputy has begun physical therapy and is continuing in his recovery.

Captain Watkins updated the committee on staffing at the Sheriff's Office, noting that the office continues to be down 22 Correctional Officer positions and 6 Deputy positions.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Rosenbohm at 1:42 p.m.

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