

CHIPPEWA COUNTY
LEGAL & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 14, 2022
CHIPPEWA COUNTY COURTHOUSE, RM 302
4:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9 (Chair)	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4 (Vice-Chair)	Present	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 12	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 5	Absent	

Others Present: Curt Dutton, Jim Kowalczyk, Chris Kowalczyk, Randy Scholz, and Denise Shervey. Recorder: Lisa Merrell.

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4 (Vice-Chair)
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1
AYES:	Shipman, McMenamin, Steele, Ives
ABSENT:	Ericksen

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes

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3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - May 16th, 2022 4:30 PM

5. REPORTS

1. Division Reports/Sheriff's Report/Spillman Update - Jim Kowalczyk
Kowalczyk stated Sheriff's Departments statewide are having trouble with recruiting and retaining employees. Everyone is looking for dispatchers and jailers especially. Counties have tried raising pay, going to 12 hours shifts, and it doesn't seem to matter, they are all in dire need of jailers. Our Jail currently has three openings. They are interviewing hopefully this Friday. On Wednesday they have interviews for three vacancies in Dispatch. There is one opening in Patrol, and recruitment ends this Wednesday. The Chief Deputy gave notice that he is retiring toward the end of April, and recruitment for that position closes this Wednesday as well.

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Kowalczyk explained that they are looking at a program geared toward heavy truck enforcement in regard to road bans, but also enforcement of loads, weights, and restrictions for semis, large trucks, milk trucks, etc. They teamed up with the State Patrol and the Highway Department and had training sessions.

Another program that starts in the spring is the internship program that involves students from the technical college and university.

Kowalczyk stated he, Information Technology, the Chief Deputy, and County Administrator are working on the body camera project, which was supposed to go live the fourth quarter of this year. They have been working with a nonprofit organization from Eau Claire that provided the Eau Claire County Sheriff and Police Department with body cameras and dash cameras. There is the possibility of receiving \$230,000 of donated funds from this organization for body cameras. They should find out in the next week or so. It would be a total of 32 body cameras, for the Sheriff's Department and other agencies in the county, other than the City of Chippewa Falls, which already has body cameras.

Chris Kowalczyk provided the Investigations report.

Curt Dutton provided the Jail report. Dutton stated they have been working with the Police Science Department at CVTC, giving tours to the students. They have had very good feedback, so they will continue doing that. If any Board members are interested in coming to the Jail for a tour, they would be more than happy to do that as well. Their average daily population is still down by about 20, but they are anticipating it will bump up a little in the future. Dutton stated they are in a pinch trying to find unique ways to get staff. They had a new employee that had worked within the Stanley Prison, and instead of sending them to six weeks of Jail school, they were able to send them to Madison to take a reciprocity test.

Shipman commended the Jail on having perfect Jail Inspection scores again this year.

Kowalczyk provided the Communications report. They have 14 full time employees, with 10 currently filled, one in the FTO program, and two float positions to help out with the overtime. For January they had 6,487 calls for service, 1,303 of them for emergencies. For February they had 6,067 total calls for service, with 1,135 emergency calls.

2. Sheriff Department Logo - Jim Kowalczyk

Kowalczyk stated about a month ago, he and the Administrator met with a student from the high school and her father about the logo. They had a good discussion, but they have made no decisions as of today. They are looking for more feedback from her or her parents.

Scholz stated they left it up to her, and she is working on it. When she has more information for them, they will have another meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Resolution Designating Temporary No Parking Zones in the Town of Arthur

Kowalczyk stated this resolution covers Country Fest and Rock Fest in Town of Arthur. It is something that comes up every year to this committee.

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SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4 (Vice-Chair)	
AYES:	Shipman, McMenamin, Steele, Ives	
ABSENT:	Ericksen	

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Shipman thanked the committee for the honor of leading the committee and thanked everyone for the fine work that they do serving Chippewa County.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 5:24 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER:	Lee McMenamin, District 4 (Vice-Chair)
AYES:	Shipman, McMenamin, Steele, Ives
ABSENT:	Ericksen

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Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Mechele Shipman	Chippewa County	District 9 (Chair)	Present	
Lee McMenamin	Chippewa County	District 4 (Vice-Chair)	Excused	
Harold Steele	Chippewa County	District 1	Present	
Kari Ives	Chippewa County	District 12	Present	
James Ericksen	Chippewa County	District 5	Present	

Others present: Rick Starck, Dan Modl, Curt Dutton, Jim Isaacson, Randy Scholz, Tamee Foldy, Rachel Braden, Karen Hepfler, Jaynee Brannen, and Denise Shervey.

Recorder: Amanda Richardson

3. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WISHING TO BE HEARD

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion (Steele/Ives) to approve the consent agenda as presented. Carried by Roll Call. All Supervisors present voting Aye.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Harold Steele, District 1
SECONDER:	Kari Ives, District 12
AYES:	Shipman, Steele, Ives, Ericksen
EXCUSED:	McMenamin

1. Approve the Agenda

2. Approve the Minutes

Legal & Law Enforcement Committee - Regular Meeting - Nov 15, 2021 4:30 PM

3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - March 21, 2022 at 4:30 PM

5. REPORTS

1. Update on Judiciary - James Isaacson

Circuit Court Judge James Isaacson addressed the committee on the shortage of State Public Defender attorneys. Because of cases that are time sensitive and cannot sit, it causes courts to end up appointing an attorney at a higher County reimbursement rate and he feels that will eventually cause an issue on County budgets.

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Isaacson also stated the County court commissioners office needs attention, primarily the polycom as it is outdated as well as some sanitary updates to the Branch 3 courtroom jury box.

2. Clerk of Courts - Karen Hepfler

Visix Digital Signage

Clerk of Courts, Karen Hepfler, stated everything has been going smoothly with the Visix project. The screens have been installed in the public access room and her staff will be learning the software and doing training online within the next month or so.

2022 MLK Day

Hepfler stated all her staff were in person for Martin Luther King Day to work on record retention, updating website information and manuals as well as completing the County online training that was given.

District Staff Training

Hepfler stated there will be a district staff training provided for all 14 counties in the district for all staff by Zoom starting with criminal traffic on Friday January 28th.

Office Update

Hepfler introduced her new Chief Deputy Jaynee Brannen to the committee. Hepfler stated they have had a few bouts of COVID between staff or their families but have been able to work well with working remotely during those times.

3. Division Reports/Sheriff's Report/Spillman Update - Jim Kowalczyk

Rick Starck, Investigations lieutenant, updated the committee on investigations they are currently working on. Starck stated they are also working on personnel for the 2022 Eau Claire Air Show as well as the 2023 Country Jam which now will be located in Chippewa County in the Town of Wheaton.

Curt Dutton, Jail Captain, updated the committee on the jail. He stated they just wrapped up their annual inspection and will have the results soon. Dutton explained they have 3 new system projects that they are currently working on, Guard1, for inmate monitoring, MorphalDent touch system, which identifies a persons identity based on a fingerprint and KeyWatcher which is an electronic key cabinet. Dutton indicated they are at about 100 inmates which is about 20 inmates down with no boarders. Dutton mentioned staffing has become an issue with constant turnover and looking into how to keep employee retention.

Tamee Foldy, Emergency Communications Center Director, updated the committee on staffing levels in dispatch and indicated they are also having an issue with retaining employees in which they are currently sharing employees with the Jail. She stated the new radio project was running well with much better coverage however the Cadott and Cornell locations will not be ready until March.

4. Sheriff Department Logo - Jim Kowalczyk

County Administrator, Randy Scholz, explained that he and Sheriff Kowalczyk will be meeting with the petitioner on behalf of changing the Sheriff's Department logo on Wednesday January 26th and will inform the committee at the next meeting.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Sheriff's Office 2023 CIP - Jail Project - Jim Kowalczyk/Chad Holum

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Jail Captain Curt Dutton presented the 2023 CIP request for the Jail Visitation Room/Front Office Remodel. He stated they are looking at eliminating the current visitation room to be able to expand an office and make room for storage. They would then replace in-person visitation with virtual visitation using iPads. This would be at no cost to the County as it would be funded by the vendor as they, along with the County, would get a portion of the proceeds paid by the inmate to use them. After discussion it was considered to be priority #2 of the Sheriff's Office CIP requests.

Motion (Ives/Ericksen) to forward to the County Administrator. Carried by Roll Call. All Supervisors present voting Aye. Motion carried.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 12
SECONDER:	James Ericksen, District 5
AYES:	Shipman, Steele, Ives, Ericksen
EXCUSED:	McMenamin

2. Sheriff's Office 2023 CIP - 911 Phone System Replacement - Jim Kowalczyk/Chad Holum
Tamee Foldy, Emergency Communications Center Director, presented the 2023 CIP request for the 911 Phone System Replacement. She stated they are currently on year 6 with the current 911 phone system that only has a support system of around 7-8 years. After discussion it was considered to be priority #1 of the Sheriff's Office CIP requests.

Motion (Ives/Ericksen) to forward to the County Administrator. Carried by Roll Call. All Supervisors present voting Aye. Motion carried.

RESULT:	FORWARD BUDGET TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kari Ives, District 12
SECONDER:	James Ericksen, District 5
AYES:	Shipman, Steele, Ives, Ericksen
EXCUSED:	McMenamin

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

8. ADJOURN

Motion (Ericksen/Steele) to adjourn. Carried by Roll Call. All Supervisors present voting Aye. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	James Ericksen, District 5
SECONDER:	Harold Steele, District 1
AYES:	Shipman, Steele, Ives, Ericksen
EXCUSED:	McMenamin

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**STATEMENT OF EXPLANATION**

Resolution No. 12 - 22

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONES IN THE TOWN OF ARTHUR

1 Section 58-35(d) of the County Code of Ordinances allows the County Board to
2 designate a temporary no parking zone by duly adopted resolution. Annually in the Town of
3 Arthur there are two large assemblies, Country Fest in June and Rock Fest in July, that require
4 temporary no parking zones to help insure the safety of the attendees. Country Fest is
5 scheduled to be held from June 23-25, 2022 and Rock Fest is scheduled to be held from July 14-
6 16, 2022.

7 Passage of this resolution would formally designate temporary no parking zones
8 surrounding the areas of the Fest grounds and direct the Highway Department to erect the
9 appropriate signage.

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Resolution No. 12 - 22

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TEMPORARY NO PARKING ZONES IN THE TOWN OF ARTHUR

WHEREAS, Section 58-35(d) of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances provides that the Chippewa County Board of Supervisors may designate temporary no parking zones as authorized in Wis. Stats. Sec. 346.53(6); and

WHEREAS, large assemblies, namely Country Fest and Rock Fest, annually take place in the Town of Arthur, Chippewa County, Wisconsin, during June and July, respectively; and

WHEREAS, Country Fest is scheduled to be held from June 23-25, 2022 and Rock Fest is scheduled to be held from July 14-16, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to § 58-35(d) of the Chippewa County Code of Ordinances, the County Board of Supervisors designates the following roadways, including all of the public right-of-ways adjacent thereto, as temporary no parking zones for the period from June 21, 2022 through July 18, 2022, to-wit:

1. County Trunk Highway S from the intersection of County Trunk Highway K; thence East 2 1/2 miles, Town of Arthur, Chippewa County, Wisconsin.
2. Both sides of CTH K, 1/2 mile north and south of the intersection with CTH S, Town of Arthur, Chippewa County, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the temporary no parking restrictions shall be applicable for all 24 hours of each day for all of the above-described roadways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should the COVID-19 pandemic require rescheduling of Country Fest and/or Rock Fest, the Highway Department is authorized to establish the above no parking zones for the dates in 2022 that will accommodate the rescheduling as necessary to ensure the safety of all involved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Highway Commissioner shall be responsible to erect all official traffic signs consistent with this resolution and as required to comply with local and state laws.

Forwarded to the County Board by the Legal and Law Enforcement Committee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Highway Department will incur expenses in erecting and taking down the appropriate signage for these events.

55 **03/14/2022 Legal & Law Enforcement Committee**

56 **RESULT: FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD [UNANIMOUS] Next: 4/19/2022 6:00 PM**

57 **MOVER:** Harold Steele, District 1

58 **SECONDER:** Lee McMenamin, District 4 (Vice-Chair)

59 **AYES:** Mechele Shipman, Lee McMenamin, Harold Steele, Kari Ives

60 **ABSENT:** James Ericksen

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Approved as to Form:

Todd A. Pauls

Todd A. Pauls, Corporation Counsel

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Lori Zwiefelhofer

Lori Zwiefelhofer, Finance Director

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Randy B. Scholz

Randy B. Scholz, County Administrator

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