MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
on February 2nd, 2021
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Boyd Frederick, Sharon Pomaville, Jeff Wamboldt, Mark Nordigian, Terry Rose, Laura Belsky


Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chair Boyd Frederick

Citizen Comments: 6:34 None

Supervisor Comments: 6:31 None

Chairman Comments: 6:31

6:31: Chairman Frederick commented on a conversation he had with Supervisor Belsky about the committee going paperless. Chairman Frederick asked the committee if they would consider going digital and not receive a printed mailed packet to each person every month. Supervisor Rose verified that he could still print the packet if they opted to go digital. Alyssa Werfelmann, Secretary for the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee answered that she would continue emailing out the packets as a single PDF for ease of printing every month. Chairman Boyd and the rest of the JLEC Committee agreed to go digital and to cease mailing out physical packets every month from this meeting forward.

Approval of the Minutes from December 1st, 2021:
Motion by: Pomaville   Seconded by: Belsky   Approved: unanimously

Resolution from Kenosha Joint Services:
Approving the Appointment of Joshua Nielsen as Director of Kenosha Joint Services
Motion by: Wamboldt   Seconded by: Pomaville   Approved: unanimously

6:34: Joshua Nielsen, Interim Director of Joint Services, presented for himself as there was not another representative. Mr. Nielsen was appointed by the Joint Services Board for the Director Position and the Board submitted a resolution to the JLEC committee to approve the appointment. Supervisor Wamboldt asked Mr. Nielsen how long he had worked for Joint Services. Mr. Nielsen replied he had been employed for 23 years, since April of 1999, and started in the Dispatcher position. Supervisor Wamboldt asked how long he had been a Supervisor. Mr. Nielsen replied he has been in a management position since 2006 overseeing the Communications Center and then started as the Assistant Director in 2015. Mr. Nielsen agreed with Supervisor Wamboldt that he was well versed in most of the operations but did not know absolutely everything. Mr. Nielsen is also very familiar with the Public Safety Software package, which he oversaw the implementation of back in 2016 to 2017. Supervisor Belsky asked the committee who would normally present the resolution. It was agreed that it should have been Supervisor Gentz, the Chair of the Joint Services Board, who presented the resolution. Supervisor Belsky commented that it should be made a point in the future that the person requesting the resolution present it, so the nominee does not have to represent themselves, to which Chairman Frederick agreed. Supervisor Wamboldt motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Pomaville. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

Resolution from Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:
Approving the Appointment Nathan Thiel to serve as a member of the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group #4 – Community Group)
Motion by: Nordigian   Seconded by: Rose   Approved: unanimously
6:36: Lt. Horace Staples, Director of Kenosha County Sheriff’s Emergency Management, presented. Lt. Staples commented that Mr. Thiel was not present this evening but would be able to answer questions on his behalf. Supervisor Rose asked if the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on a monthly or quarterly basis. Lt. Staples replied that the LEPC met bi-annually and the committee’s purpose was to monitor the hazardous chemical spills within the county, such as a spill of diesel fuel or another hazardous chemical material gets dumped. Local businesses must report a Tier II Report of their very hazardous chemicals, and it is up to the LEPC to ensure the businesses are compliant with the State and OSHA regulations. Supervisor Rose verified that the LEPC then had little jurisdiction and an emergency, such as the 2020 riots, would not fall under their committee. Lt. Staples agreed it would not and the LEPC is more concerned with environmental aspects. Supervisor Nordigian asked if a business changes hydrogen tanks, for example, the LEPC would want to know about it. Lt. Staples commented that the chemicals of the businesses in the county would report to the State and as a county government, they would need to know so they can ensure compliance or force compliance as necessary. A lot of the hazardous chemicals are anhydrous ammonia or Sulfuric Acid, which is found in the forklift batteries of larger corporations. Supervisor Rose asked if Lt. Staples could explain the purpose of the committee. He replied that he oversees the Off-Site Plans for the chemicals, so if there is a spill the fire service and other first responders can be informed about the radius and plume for evacuation purposes and more. Supervisor Nordigian asked if these calculations were made in a software, to which Lt. Staples agreed. Supervisor Nordigian motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Rose. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

Approving the 2022 WI OJA Multi-Jurisdiction Drug Task Force Grant for S.E.A.D.O.G. consortium

Motion by: Nordigian  Seconded by: Belsky  Approved: unanimously

6:41: Cpt. Tony Gonzalez, Kenosha County Sheriff’s Captain of Operations, presented. Supervisor Rose asked what would be done with the awarded $53,140 grant funds. Cpt. Gonzalez responded that it would be used to reimburse expenses related to the KDOG Unit. It is a 5-year rotation that takes place with different agencies and Kenosha Sheriff’s Department is on the second year of that 5-year rotation. Supervisor Nordigian questioned if the grant money would go towards overtime or buy-money for the drug unit. Angel Khabbaz, Kenosha County Sheriff’s Financial Services Manager, responded that the money would go towards overtime, equipment, buy-money, and services such as telecommunications and contracts, based on the expense lines from the previous year. Supervisor Nordigian asked if the money was used during the recent investigation in Pleasant Prairie. Angela replied that the fund was usable throughout the investigation for SEADOG. Cpt. Gonzalez added that other agencies in SEADOG will submit expenses and Kenosha Sheriff’s Department will file all the documentation with the State. The State will then reimburse the Kenosha Sheriff’s Department, who will then split up the reimbursement of expense to the participating agencies and counties. Supervisor Nordigian motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Belsky. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law:  6:42 None


A recording of the meeting is available online at kenoshacounty.org

Respectfully Submitted,

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