

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

March 3rd, 2021

Virtual via WebEx

Members Present: Boyd Frederick, David Celebre, Jeff Wamboldt, Mark Nordigian, Sharon Pomaville, Jerry Gulley, YIG Gabrielle Wellman, YIG Olivia Nahorniak (via WebEx)

Others Present: Supervisor John O'Day, Sheriff David Beth, Jasleen Kaur, Michelle Hicks, Alyssa Werfelmann

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

Citizen Comments: 6:30: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:30: None

Chairman Comments: 6:30: None

Approval of the Minutes from February 3rd, 2021:

Motion by: Wamboldt **Seconded by:** Celebre **Approved:** unanimously

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

FY2020 Solicited Law Enforcement Award Grant

Motion by: Nordigian **Seconded by:** Gulley **Approved:** unanimously

6:31: Sheriff David Beth presented and assisted by Jasleen Kaur for financial questions. During the Presidential visit last fall, President Trump awarded Kenosha County Sheriff's Department \$1 million dollars to assist in damages. Washington D.C. later called and said the \$1 Million should've been awarded to Kenosha Police Department and they were to share the money with the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department. After some debate between the two departments Kenosha Police Department will receive 60% and Kenosha County Sheriff's Department 40% of the awarded \$1 Million. The \$400k will be used towards expenses incurred during the Civil Unrest in August and September 2020. Supervisor Nordigian inquired if the \$400k covered all of the expenses incurred or just a portion. Jasleen Kaur responded that this only covers \$100k in overtime and shared expenses only, not all expenses incurred during this time. Nordigian asked how much is left over in expenses to still pay after this. Jasleen responded \$300k. Supervisor Gulley asked Sheriff Beth how the breakdown of the \$1 Million to 60/40% was decided. Sheriff Beth said that there was back and forth, but Kenosha Police Department decided what portion of the million dollars Kenosha County Sheriff's Department received.

Discussion of Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Update on Body Cameras:

6:36: Captain Justin Miller lead the discussion updating the board about the installment of body cameras on all Sheriff's Department sworn staff. Uniforms have returned from the vendor that were retrofitted for the cameras, including all bullet-proof vest carriers. There are still some uniforms pending return and alteration, but overall ahead of schedule. Part of the agreement is to purchase new uniforms through BodyWorn that are already altered to accommodate the cameras and the order is due March 15, 2021. BodyWorn will be on site March 23, 2021 touring the squads with our fleet maintenance since there is a squad build component to this. They will be setting up a squad system platform that can be tested and used while awaiting implementation and actual install. On the same day BodyWorn will be touring the Public Safety Building and the Pre-Trial Facility for places to install waypoints, which are used for offloading videos. Prior to the installs BodyWorn will be delivering gear so there will be physical things to see here on site. Cpt. Miller will reach out to Chairman Frederick as soon as they arrive, so the committee has an opportunity to see the product first hand. BodyWorn will be on site April 26, 2021 to install the squad car cameras, and to provide

training for the Deputies and Correctional staff on how to use the cameras. Currently focusing on the March 23, 2021 visit with everything going smoothly in coordinating and planning. Hoping implementation is complete by May. Prior to opening for questions, Sheriff Beth asked Chairman Frederick if having BodyWorn, Cpt. Miller, and other key players give a demo, once the cameras are in place and ready to go, would be best to answer all questions more clearly. The demo would include showing the software used and what the squads and bodycams look like. Chairman and committee agreed they would like the hands-on demo. Nordigian asked about the security of the video and if it is more secure than what we have in place now expressing concern about security even at a county level. Cpt. Miller responded that we are using the Amazon Cloud to store data, which is the same platform the White House uses and have been told it is extremely secure. The camera footage and use is not available on personal devices like computers or phones. All footage is watermarked in the center of the video making it difficult to screenshot or edit out where the footage came from. With the watermark in the center the public or media will know who released it. Supervisor Gulley asked for follow up from the last meeting regarding policy on bodycams and where we are now. Cpt. Miller responded the policy is close to completion and currently being vetted through Corporation Council. Different things have come up as the policy is being written and want to make sure everything is covered. Youth In Governance asked who has access to the footage once it's stored, for example just the Sheriff or do the officers have access also. Cpt. Miller responded that officers will have access to footage that has been flagged with a case number only, so they can write reports and make sure to include all information for the DA's office. These can be reviewed by Supervisors as well. All other footage not flagged with a case number will only be accessible by three Admin's including the Public Information Officer, the Sergeant overseeing the install of the body cameras, and Cpt. Miller. Celebre asked what the approximation of the allocated funding has been paid for up to now, before any storage, recordings, equipment, BodyWorn's site visit with us, etc. Cpt. Miller responded that \$425k has been paid so far. BodyWorn is more of a service contract, this fee is the whole first year's payment and another payment isn't due until 2022. This includes equipment, storage, software, training, building squad cars, site visit, retrofitting uniforms, and new uniforms that have been allotted and are Body Worn ready. Celebre asked if the goods, services, and storage fees would be included in next year's payment. Cpt. Miller responded that it is a \$2 Million agreement paid out over six years.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 6:50: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50: on motion by Nordigian; seconded by Celebre

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Alyssa Werfelmann