

**Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Expo Grounds, Merchant Building, Expo Office Conference Room**

December 15, 2020 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chairperson Dave Nickels, Supervisor Rick Henrickson, and Supervisor James Falkowski.

Excused: Supervisor Charles Hagen and Supervisor Nick Muench

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Todd Reckleberg and JJ Gutman.

Chairperson Dave Nickels called the meeting to order at 06:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes: Chairperson Dave Nickels if there were any corrections to the minutes of the November 5, 2020 committee meeting, and none being offered, asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Supervisor Rick Henrickson and seconded by Supervisor James Falkowski and unanimously approved.

Chair Nickels called three calls for public comment. No one wished to speak and public comment was closed at 6:01.

Chair Nickels recognized Sheriff Dan Hartwig. The Sheriff reported regarding the 2020 budget. After giving the status of various expenses and revenues, it was clear that overall the budget should be in the black. Responded to supervisor question regarding monetary seizures and the disposition of such funds. Noted that he worked with State to get the payments made for state prisoners held in local jails due to the COVID-19 situations prohibiting transfers to correctional facilities. Staffing was discussed including information on absences due to COVID-19 quarantines. Also still short with one person out due to injury and two on military deployments. One current opening in the jail. Noted donations to the K-9 program, two in the amount of \$1000 and one of \$5000 from the Jaycees. These do not require resolutions to accept, but wanted to make the community aware.

Sheriff addressed the Resolution Adopting County Use of Excessive Force Policy. This should not be controversial as it is an adoption of existing law and constitutional requirements. Necessary to put into writing in order to apply for funds from the state and federal government as noted in the resolution. Supervisor Falkowski noted he had contacted the Sheriff for additional information and is satisfied that the policy as presented is appropriate without being too vague or too limiting. Training is the key. In mutual aid situations, it is important there are local policies to account for the variations in training. Currently annual training is required. Also reviewed a recent death at the jail, though it was unrelated to any use of force issues. Motion to approve and forward the resolution to the County Board made by Supervisor Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Henrickson. All voted in favor.

Final issue from Sheriff was the squad cars ordered based upon the state contract system. Saved money over local prices. Ordered Chevy Tahoes at the cost of \$38,100 each. Also obtained a 15 passenger van at the cost of \$30,500 for use in transports. Experience with the Tahoe has been positive with lower incidence of vehicles being stuck in snow, mud, etc.

Chair Nickels thanked the Sheriff for his report.

Adjournment: Supervisor Rick Henrickson moved to adjourn, Supervisor Falkowski seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 06:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia A. Koppa". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "K".

Patricia A. Koppa, Register in Probate

For Supervisor Nicholas Muench, Committee Secretary