

Port Washington, WI  
June 29, 2011

The Public Safety Committee met in Room 211 at the Justice Center.

Present: Supervisors Szatkowski, Walker, Slater, Curtis, Meyer and County Board Chairperson Brooks (as a voting member). Staff: County Administrator Meaux, Emergency Management Director Owen, Sheriff Straub, District Attorney Gerol, Human Resources Director Dzwinel, and County Clerk Winkelhorst.

Others Present: Supervisors Leider and Geracie, and Nina Walker.

Absent: Supervisor Niehaus

Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Meeting called to order by Chairperson Szatkowski at 8:32AM. Assurance that the meeting was properly noticed, so noted by Ms. Winkelhorst. Motion made by Supervisor Meyer, seconded by Supervisor Walker to adopt the agenda as presented. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (6-0)

Public Comment: Ms. Walker, co-founder of the Ozaukee County Jail Literacy Program, addressed the committee speaking in opposition to replacing sworn officers with correctional officers.

8:42AM Captain Guss joined the meeting.

Discussion Item:

Resolution Establishing Civilian Correctional Officers in Ozaukee County Jail: Chairperson Szatkowski stated that there have been a lot of changes taking place over the last few months regarding the issue. The resolution has been rewritten and currently we are looking at a 'blended' jail staff of both sworn deputies and civilian correctional officers. There is the financial aspect, and most importantly the philosophical change that will occur that need to be reviewed.

Supervisor Meyer reviewed his amendments to the resolution to be sure that a transitional plan would be developed by the chairpersons of the Executive and Public Safety Committees and selected staff and then presented to this committee before moving forward to the County Board.

Chairperson Szatkowski commented that there is another potential proposal being brought forth. County Board Chairperson Brooks explained that a lot of changes that were asked of the union and anticipated with the State Budget Repair Bill, have now become law. The financial savings gap that existed before the changes has shrunk. The two cost savings measures are with the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) contribution and the paid differential between the sworn and correctional officers.

Mr. Brooks explained that currently the county contribution to WRS for sworn deputies is 17.1% and all other employees 11.6%. The BRB reduces the contribution to 5.8% that currently the deputies are exempt from. The union contacted the county requesting a proposal. The proposal was reviewed and discussed.

9:00AM Retired and/or employees of the Sheriff's Department - Susan Jarvela, Joseph Milczarek, Marie Arendt, Brad Arndt, Stan Griffin, Char Love, Jerri Behnke, Brain Ronan, Eric Sager, and Sherri Leppla joined the meeting.

Chairperson Szatkowski requested a consensus from the committee to have the County Administrator rewrite the resolution to include the amendment from Supervisor Meyer. This would then be presented for action at the joint meeting of Public Safety and Executive Committees on July 6. The committee was in agreement.

Chairperson Szatkowski requested to return to public comment so those that just joined the meeting could speak. There were no objections.

Mr. Behnke addressed the committee regarding the financial statements that were included in the packet.

Motion made by Supervisor Walker, seconded by Supervisor Meyer to enter into closed session pursuant to sections 19.82 (1) and 19.85(1)(e) of the WI State Statutes. Roll call vote was taken. All members present voting aye. Motion carried. (6-0)

Closed Session - Pursuant to Section 19.82 (1) and 19.85 (1)(e) of the WI State Statutes regarding Collective Bargaining: Entered into closed session at 9:17AM. Present: Szatkowski, Walker, Slater, Meyer, Curtis, Brooks, Meaux, Straub, Guss, Dzwinel, Leider, and Geracie.

Next Meeting Date: Special Meeting – Wednesday, July 6 at 10:30AM following County Board  
Regular Meeting - Thursday, July 14 at 9:00AM

Adjournment: Chairperson Szatkowski adjourned the meeting at 10:05AM

*Julianne B. Winkelhorst, County Clerk*