

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

January 12, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chairperson Dave Nickels, Supervisor James Falkowski, and Supervisor Nick Muench. Excused: Supervisor Rick Henrickson and Supervisor Charles Hagen.

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre

Chairperson Dave Nickels called the meeting to order at 05:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes: Chairperson Dave Nickels if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 12, 2021 committee meeting, and none being offered, asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Supervisor James Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Nick Muench and unanimously approved.

There was no one wishing to speak for public comment.

Chair Nickels recognized District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre who reported regarding her office. Filings continued to climb; 2021 resulted in 1014 felony cases, 655 misdemeanors cases and 508 criminal traffic matters. There were, however, only 104 delinquency petition which is consistent with recent years. There have been two attorneys added in recent years; the most recent budget added back the funds for the second position. The county budget provided for an additional paralegal who is starting this month. There will be a space study of the office suite to determine better usage of the space and how to increase security. Supervisors asked questions regarding causes for the case increases. A great deal relates to the drug addiction epidemic. Many violent crimes and property crimes tie back to individuals who are using. Also discussed case scheduling in the pandemic and the spike in jury trials due to the earlier restrictions.

Supervisors made particular note and compliment for the work done by both Ms. Le Bre and her entire staff given the ever increasing cases loads.

Adjournment: Next meeting is February 9 at 5 pm. The Sheriff will give a report. Supervisor Falkowski moved to adjourn, Supervisor Muench seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 05:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia A. Koppa, Register in Probate

For Supervisor Nicholas Muench, Committee Secretary