

**AMENDED 8/22/2022**

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee  
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

August 10, 2022 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Nick Muench, Supervisor Leo Naidl, and Supervisor Norb Vogt. Supervisor Mark Linsmeier is excused.

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre, Supervisor Bonnie Shimulunas and Nancy Slattery.

Chair James Falkowski called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes of prior meeting: Chair Falkowski asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes of the prior meeting on July 13, 2022. None were offered. Chair asked for a motion to approve. Motion was made by Supervisor Norb Vogt, seconded by Supervisor Nick Muench and unanimously approved.

Chair Falkowski noted that the Sheriff's monthly report as well as the monthly financials plus summary had been shared. No questions on reports and no other communications were received.

Called for public comment at 5:02.

1. Bonnie Shimulunas commented about concerns over **dispatch with response from city of Two Rivers; and about non-emergency phone call follow-up options protocol.**  
~~response from the Two Rivers police department's non-emergency phone line and another incident regarding an interaction with officer.~~
2. Nancy Slattery introduced herself as a representative of the League of Women Voters. Ms. Slattery will attend and monitor meetings to learn more about the committees work. Recognizes that most government decisions are made at the committee level.

Public comment closed at 5:09.

Sheriff's Office Resolution: Sheriff Hartwig presented the Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of the Tribal and Local Law Enforcement Agency Initiative Grant Funds. The federal government has made funds available and Manitowoc County Sheriff will receive \$77,000. Other agencies in the county will also receive shares. There has been no decision on specific expenditure, but as noted in the resolution, the funds are to be spent on "recruitment, medical testing, training, wellness and counseling programs, officer equipment, technology, personnel costs and updating use-of-force policies."

Motion to refer Resolution to accept funds on to County Board with favorable recommendation made by Supervisor Nick Muench, seconded by Supervisor Norbert Vogt and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Vogt asked if resolutions can be presented in final form going forward. Ms. Koppa will work with Corporation Counsel to get that version prior to committee meetings.

Next District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre reported on her office. Chair Falkowski first had the Supervisors introduce themselves, including Supervisor Shimulunas.

DA LaBre explained her unique funding situation. The DA and Assistant DAs as well as the computer equipment and software used in the office are all funded by the State. There are 6 ADAs. Everything else is funded by the County. This included another six staff members. It is important to understand the funding since one potential area of challenge is the IT system in future years. There is work being done to continue state funding, but there has been a shortage in recent years. If the state does not fully fund, one option might be that state would fund and support software and turn responsibility for hardware over to the counties. While this is an area to watch, the effect is not likely to be felt until well into the 2023/2025 state budget cycle as the equipment in her office was just all replaced.

The staffing is in a good place with the two recently added ADAs and support staff. This will be reevaluated in time with the addition of the fourth branch and another courtroom to cover. The hope is that the change will actually be an improvement for all as calendars become more manageable. Felony crime continues to rise. A recent concern is the increase in cases involving sexual assault of children and child pornography. Drugs remain the dominant factor resulting in charges directly and indirectly in areas such as theft and burglary.

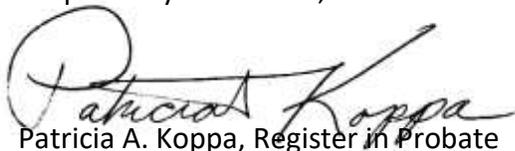
DA LaBre responded to supervisors questions.

Meeting Announcements: Chair Falkowski announced the next meeting for September 14, 2022. Coroner Curt Green will speak subject to any emergencies.

Supervisor Muench thanked and gave a pat on the back to the officers of the Sheriff's Office who have been responding to First Amendment Auditors. They handled the situation professionally without any escalation.

Adjournment: Supervisor Muench moved to adjourn, Supervisor Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 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, looping initial "P".

Patricia A. Koppa, Register in Probate

For Supervisor Norb Vogt, Committee Secretary

Amended 8/22/2022 by Patricia A. Koppa.