

## **Special Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee Meeting Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building**

**October 29, 2024 5:00 p.m.**

Attendance Present: Chairperson James Falkowski, Supervisor Mike Grambow, Supervisor Dylan Hammel, Supervisor Tim Jadowski, Supervisor Nick Muench.

Others in attendance: County Executive Robert Ziegelbauer, Finance Director J.J. Gutman, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Coroner Curt Green, District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Supervisor Scott Schiesl, Supervisor County Board Chair Tyler Martel.

Chair James Falkowski called meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call circulated; open meeting law compliance affirmed.

Chair Falkowski noted that the budget financials were sent to all members. There were no questions regarding those reports.

Call for public input, after several announcements for public input without any response, it was closed.

Consideration of Department Budgets:

It was an option to present department requests, with a required supporting Excel file for fiscal support of the department request.

Invitations to departments were sent October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with required criteria to present budget requests. With eight areas of oversight and responsibility, they include Clerk of Circuit Court, Circuit Court Judges, Coroner, District Attorney, Emergency Management, Family Court Commissioner, Register in Probate, and Sheriff's Department. Four departments and the Judicial are elected officials and department heads.

All budgets, as presented for 2024-2025 including department request, were sent and received by all committee members.

The Coroner was the only department that met the October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, deadline for submission and receipt of Excel and supporting information to committee members.

Coroner Curt Green presented his position for increasing a deputy to a .8 position. According to the budget request form, it is a current deputy. The deputy will be putting in extra time, and he explained the reasons for the request – increasing autopsy and state regulations. In order to forecast personnel costs for the upcoming year, the committee and other members, including County Executive Ziegelbauer, discussed the budget and provided revenue estimates, fee structures, and extenuating circumstances.

A motion by Supervisor Muench and seconded by Supervisor Hammel to advise the Finance Committee to increase the Coroner's budget by \$25K with fund balance offset, passed unanimously.

By virtue of privilege, Chair Falkowski suggested that although the Sheriff did not meet the meeting criteria, members should have receipt of Excel or other documents sufficiently prior to the meeting (received October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 1:16 PM); the Chair permitted the department to speak.

The Axon Enterprise service, which includes body cameras, squad cams, interview cams, tasers, and cloud storage, is the principal proposal. The noted fiscal figure was in the budget request for line item (53084), which included a \$233,000 yearly recurring cost for lease and subscription items.

There were three expenditure options available, and it was noted that by the next year, the possibility for contract terms could increase.

Expectations are that since these are leased and linked to cloud subscriptions, the costs would fluctuate with each future budget cycle. One impression is it can be deployed with the goal of next year.

County Executive Ziegelbauer expressed that the original plan was to study other providers and their terms or other possible fiscal options similar as pre-payment or other savings.

Other fiscal budget item categories were discussed with satisfactory information.

Chair Falkowski motioned for no action on the request and to reconsider this principal item in next year's budget, seconded by Supervisor Muench. Passed: 3-Falkowski, Grambow, and Muench, 2-Hammel and Jadowski.

After thanking everyone for participating, an announcement for the regular committee meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup> is with Sheriff Hartwig.

Supervisor Muench moved to adjourn; Supervisor Grambow seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Falkowski  
Chairman

Minutes taken by District Attorney Jacalyn LaBre.