Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Communications and Technology Building

February 12, 2025 5:00 p.m.

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

Others in attendance: Corporation Counsel Peter Conrad, Sheriff Dan Hartwig, Register in Probate Patricia Koppa, Family Court Commissioner Luke LeFevre, Supervisor Mickey Lillibridge, Undersheriff Jason Orth, and Supervisor Scott Schiesl.

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 January 8, 2025 meeting. None offered and the minutes were approved upon motion of Supervisor Mike Grambow and second by Supervisor Tim Jadowski, all present voting in favor.

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

Chair Falkowski introduced Commissioner Luke LeFevre who gave a report regarding his office. Just brief review of the functions, roles and duties. Cooperative agreement with State covers 60 – 70% of the office. Committee needs to understand that security is a concern. The third bailiff with a basement office has been very busy between the two courtrooms. There are requests for security made by litigants. There are injunction hearings where there have been threats, the family court cases can get emotionally charged and frankly, heated. Additionally court officials have been threatened. Several directly to Commissioner LeFevre. Having the third bailiff has been an essential safeguard. Supervisor Grambow asked for Commissioner's personal #1 preference to improve courthouse safety – stated that the single point entrance would most likely have the greatest effect. Chair and Commissioner thanked each other and reported ended.

Chair explained the need to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1 for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel for the County who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Roll call vote to enter closed session: Chairperson James Falkowski - yes, Supervisor Nick Muench - yes. Supervisor Mike Grambow - yes, Supervisor Tim Jadowski – yes. Supervisor Dylan Hammel – not present, excused.

Committee went into closed session. Those in attendance for closed session: Undersheriff Orth, Sherriff Hartwig, Corp Counsel Conrad, Supervisor Lillibridge, Supervisor Schiesl. Committee members Chair Falkowski, Grambo, Jadowski, Muench, not in attendance Supervisor Hammel.

Committee reconvened to open session without any action taken, with a motion from Chair Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Muench. Roll call Falkowski yes, Grambo Yes, Muench yes, Jadowski yes.

Chair Falkowski noted the next meeting will be March 12, 2025.

Motion to Adjourn by Supervisor Jadowski, seconded by Supervisor Muench. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Patricia Koppa Register in Probate for the committee