

**COUNTY OF DUNN
MENOMONIE, WISCONSIN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

In accordance with the provisions of Section 19.84, Wisconsin Statutes, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the **Dunn County Judiciary & Law Committee** will be held on **Monday, August 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held by Teleconference. Members of the public wishing to listen to the meeting should access the Dunn County YouTube channel at:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCG9PRaNVmqZc95t1a3953aw/videos>

Members of the public who require assistance accessing the meeting, please call (715) 232-2429.

Because this meeting is being held by teleconference, there will not be an option for public comment. Items of business to be discussed or acted upon at this meeting are listed below.

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Call of the roll
3. Approval of the minutes: July 27, 2020 meeting
4. Staff Reports
5. Items Placed at the Request of the Chair: None.
6. Consideration of Actions to be Taken by the Judiciary & Law Committee:
 - A. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget
 - i. Child Support
 - ii. Sheriff's Department/Jail
 - iii. 9/11 and Emergency Management
 - iv. Medical Examiner
 - v. District Attorney
 - vi. Courts
 - vii. Criminal Justice Collaboration Council
 - B. 2021 Legislative Agenda
7. Consideration of reports, resolutions, and ordinances to the County Board from the Judiciary & Law Committee: None.
8. Announcements
9. Next Meeting: September 28, 2020 @ 4:30 p.m.
10. Adjournment

James Tripp, Chairperson

Katie M. Schalley

Katie M. Schalley, Recording Secretary

Judiciary & Law Committee Meeting

D R A F T

Minutes of the Meeting of the Judiciary & Law Committee Held on July 27, 2020 via teleconference.

1. Call to order

A. The meeting called to order at 4:38 p.m.

2. Call of the roll

A. Board members present Jim Tripp, Bob Bauer, Dave Bartlett, Mike Rogers, Jim Zons and Carl Vandermeulen.

3. Approval of the minutes: May 18, 2020 meeting

A. Motion made by Carl Vandermeulen, seconded by Jim Zons. No discussion. Approved by voice vote.

4. Staff Reports

A. Criminal Justice Collaboration Council: Sara Benedict reported:

- * The sequential intercept mapping meeting took place virtually today to look at the cross section of the behavioral health and criminal justice system in Dunn County. A report will be created along with an action plan for CJCC to review and adopt.
- * The grant reports have been submitted for the second court. Some of the CJCC workgroups have started to meet again.
- * The annual CJCC meeting is scheduled for August 13th at 4:00 p.m. to be held virtually.
- * She participated with the WCA group meeting for Judiciary & Law.
- * The Veterans Service Office has an intern that will help develop a peer support group with CJCC to help Veterans leaving the jail and re-entering the community.

C. 9/11 and Emergency Management: Melissa Gilgenbach reported:

- * The 911 division has been busier with call volume due to the Safer at Home order ending. There are still two vacant positions within the department. Staff continues to maintain social distancing while training with staff at this time.
- * The Menomonie tower has a generator that has needed some repairs that totaled over \$4,000.
- * Emergency Management dealt with a tornado that touched down 6 miles east of Wheeler last week. They are still busy assisting businesses and schools to help provide them with PPE equipment.
- * The All Hazard Mitigation plan is drafted and currently in the review status at this time. The goal is to complete the plan by the end of the year. By not having the plan could result in potential loss in funding if there was ever a need for mitigating expenses.

D. Sheriff's Department/Jail: Sheriff Kevin Bygd reported that:

- * The 2020 budget looks good so far for this year. The 2021 budget has been submitted, there are slight increases to the jail for salaries, contracts and meals;

the law enforcement portion of the budget has an increase for body cameras and the storage of the recordings. Every squad car currently has cameras installed in them with the ability to automatically upload the recordings periodically.

- * They are considering purchasing a UV high intensity device that sanitizes and purifies air and surfaces in the jail. The equipment could be reimbursed by the CARES Act or other various grants.
- * The jail has reduced having volunteers enter the jail and reduced some jail programming to reduce any COVID-19 exposure to staff and the inmates.
- * The jail has 14 state inmates at this time. They would like to increase the contract to house 20 state inmates to help increase county revenue.
- * Jail Captain Brenda LaForte reported that the jail inspection took place in June. The inspection went very well. They recommended that the carpet in the jail was old and a bit unsanitary, but over all the inspection was good.

D. Medical Examiner: ME Marcie Rosas reported that:

- * The ME division has been busy, there are just under 900 deaths between Dunn and Eau Claire Counties to date.
- * The budget is good for this time of year. She continues to watch the forensic unit line item.
- * Sacred Heart has closed their doors for autopsies due to COVID-19, they are having to take bodies to Ramsey County, MN, which costs more.
- * There are zero COVID-19 related deaths in Dunn County.
- * They are down one staff member. She has been very busy covering hours for other staff members who have had to be out from work for various reasons.

E. Courts: Clerk of Courts Katie Schalley reported that:

- * The Courts have developed and Operational Plan due to COVID-19. Hearings are to be held via phone or Zoom if possible. Certain hearings require personal appearances. Individuals must wear a mask when entering the building and all of the time in the courtrooms.
- * The first jury trial took place on July 8th-July 10th, everything went very well for the trial. Prevea Healthcare assisting screening jurors and taking their temperatures upon entering the building.
- * The court calendars are scheduled further out than normal. Cases are being rescheduled more than ever, so the courts are trying to adjust to the back log of cases.
- * Court staff continue to report in person for work. Staff are cleaning after people appear in person for court hearings.
- * The budget looks good for this time of year. The only line item in concern is the mental examination line items, due to an increase in mental commitment cases filed along with a few expensive medical evaluations.
- * They have received the state-aide money and received more than anticipated. Court has been held by Zoom or telephonically. She will be meeting with the Judges to develop a plan to reintegrate the public into the building for hearings and jury trials. All court staff have been physically reporting into work daily.

F. Child Support: Agency Director Jeanne Stevenson reported that:

- * The budget looks good at this time. Court is being held by telephone. She is still having to pay for process service fees. The revenue line items look well.

- * She continues to have 3 staff members working from home. The staff like working remotely.
- * They have started doing genetic testing. They are following protocol from the provider of the testing equipment. The customer will swab themselves and any children. They have plexi-glass installed to help reduce contact with the public. The public is adapting well to the screening changes.
- * She is retiring on August 3, 2020. Her replacement has been named, the individual is coming from the Eau Claire County Child Support Agency.

G. District Attorney: Andrea Nodolf reported that:

- * The Victim Witness vacancy has been filled, they will start within the next couple of weeks.
- * Staff has returned to working in the office in person, which is preferred.
- * Court has been very frustrating when individuals wish to be present in court and the hearings have already been pre-set up to appear remotely. There has been many child sexual assault cases filed recently.
- * There is 50% left for the District Attorney's Office budget and 45% remaining for the Victim Witness budget. The unemployment compensation expenses should be covered by COVID-19 relief funds.
- * Recorded information from law enforcement adds a lot of costs and time to prosecute cases to review the squad cameras, body cameras and interviews. It will cost a lot more money to buy discs/thumb drives for the recordings. The preference would be to have an updated storage network for all agencies to access if the Sheriffs Department starts using body cameras.
- * Marsy's Law allows more input for victims and it creates more time constraints when scheduling hearings appropriately. It makes it more difficult for victims and for the prosecutors to process cases.

5. Items Placed at the Request of the Chair: None.

6. Consideration of Actions to be taken by the Judiciary & Law Committee: None.

7. Consideration of reports, resolutions, and ordinances to the County Board from the Judiciary & Law Committee: None.

8. Announcements

9. Set future meetings schedule-August 24, 2020 at 4:30 p.m.

10. Adjournment at 5:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Katie M. Schalley

Katie M. Schalley, Recording Secretary

COUNTY OF DUNN
RESOLUTION NO. _____

ADOPTING THE 2020 DUNN COUNTY LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors that the 2019 Dunn County Legislative Agenda, recommended by the Executive Committee and attached hereto as “Exhibit A”, is hereby adopted, and that the Chairman of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors is hereby directed to distribute said Agenda to all State elected officials representing the citizens of the County and to seek the support and participation of such officials in implementing the details of the Agenda.

Offered this 12th day of November, 2019, at Menomonie, Wisconsin.

OFFERED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Adopted on: _____

David Bartlett, Chair

ATTEST:

Approved as to Form and Execution:

Julie A. Wathke, County Clerk

Nicholas P. Lange, Corporation Counsel

Budget Impact: Approval of this resolution will have no impact on the 2019 budget or the proposed 2020 budget or levy.

Background Information: The adoption of new State and Federal legislation and changes to existing laws and policies affect the ability of counties to effectively and efficiently deliver services to their citizens. In recognition of this fact, the Dunn County Directional Plan, adopted March 16, 2016, includes an initiative to develop a Legislative Policy that identifies concerns important to the County and its residents, and encourages that efforts be made toward the enactment of legislation that is beneficial to its citizens. The Executive Committee of the Dunn County Board of Supervisors determined in 2017 that the development and adoption of an annual Legislative Agenda, consisting of items for which the County seeks the support and active participation of State elected representatives, would be a key element in enacting a Legislative Policy.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee solicited input from the County Supervisors, County Board standing committees, and department and division managers on legislative items that might be included in the Dunn County Legislative Agenda for 2020. The Committee considered the items and issues to be included in the legislative agenda and recommended at its meeting of October 9, 2019 the adoption by the Dunn County Board of Supervisors of the 2020 Dunn County Legislative Agenda, attached hereto as “Exhibit A”.

Exhibit A

DUNN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Dunn County seeks the support of the State elected representatives representing the citizens of the County on the following issues:

1. Judicial:
 - A. ~~Support for Dunn County receiving an additional judgeship position;~~
 - B. Support for an additional \$1.5 million in GPR per year from the State; and
 - C. ~~Support for the Administrative Paternity Legislation.~~

2. Land use:
 - A. Support allowing local control of land-spreading of human septage;
 - B. Develop a model county resolution that identifies policy areas in which counties would like to restore elements of local control. This resolution could be adopted by counties, and would serve as a broad general policy framework and message to state legislators;
 - C. Establishment of Wisconsin Legacy Fund to support core conservation and environmental programs and practices;
 - D. Request full funding for Land Conservation staff according to the formula contained in Chapter 92.14(6)(b) of the Wisconsin Statutes;
 - E. Advocate for increased State recycling grant funding to Responsible Units (RUs); and
 - F. Support State grant program for disposal of deer carcasses.

3. Health and Human Services:
 - A. Advocate for increased funding to child welfare services in Wisconsin;
 - B. Advocate for continued funding for communicable disease investigations. It is an unfunded mandate for Public Health to follow up on communicable disease reports and the small amount of state money received helps to offset the cost;
 - C. Advocate for study and funding of resource to address mental health bed space shortage statewide. Western Region counties have experienced a 400+% increase in mental health placement costs at Winnebago over the past five years;
 - D. Advocate for a statewide groundwater assessment and monitoring initiative. Additionally, fund mitigation of problems that are identified in groundwater quality, and secure funding for long-term, private drinking water protection, monitoring and remediation program;
 - E. Continued support for Medicaid expansion for Wisconsin;
 - F. Request for additional Birth to Three Program funding; and
 - G. Secure funding for detection and management of communicable and infectious disease.

4. Nursing homes:
 - A. Encourage State to increase the Medicaid reimbursement rate **for nursing homes**;
 - B. Encourage State to eliminate the rule that prohibits a County-owned SNF from also having a CBRF that accepts Medicaid residents; and
 - C. Encourage State to increase funding to expand nurse programs at universities and community colleges.

5. Broadband: Support increased funding for rural broadband expansion.

6. Financial:
 - A. Support modifying the annual levy limit exemptions to include exemptions for the costs of unfunded, state-mandated services;
 - B. Encourage the State to amend the annual levy limit law to allow counties to increase the levy over the amount levied in the prior year by the percentage increase in equalized value from net new construction plus CPI for the region in which the county is located. If no new construction occurred in a county, then the allowable levy increase may equal CPI for the region.

7. Roads and Highways: Support for increase in the gas tax.