

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE
AUDITORIUM AT IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE, STURTEVANT 53177
January 31, 2023**

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairman Melissa Kaprelian.

Meeting attended by: Supervisors Demske, Maldonado, Rutkowski, Harmon, Trottier and Wishau, and YIG Rep Katelyn Guerro. Also attending were County Board Chairman Roanhouse, Supervisor Spencer, Sheriff Schmaling, Lieutenant Luell, and U.W.-Extension Area Supervisor Pam Larson.

Excused: None.

Absent: YIG Rep Noura Deanparvar.

#1 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#2 – Chairman Comments

No comments.

#3 – Approval of minutes from previous meeting(s)

Action: To approve the minutes from the December 13, 2022 Government Services Committee meeting, as printed. **Motion passed.**
Moved: Supervisor Trottier. Seconded: Supervisor Harmon. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#4A- Presentation regarding written application evaluation process for Youth in Governance program

Ms. Larson gave a presentation regarding the process for evaluation and how the scoring would be done. There were 27 applicants, although there was a possibility that number might be lower. The youth would be interviewed in groups. She encouraged the Supervisor to look through their packets to review all information. Ms. Larson also stated she had a new role as the Area 52 Supervisor.

#4B – Presentation by Sheriff’s Office – Sheriff Schmaling and Lieutenant Luell

Sheriff Schmaling and Lieutenant Luell gave a presentation to the committee on topics that included public safety in the City of Racine, reducing gun crime and the key takeaways with statistics on homicide and shootings in 2022, intergovernmental violence prevention between Racine County and the City of Racine, and guns taken off the streets. They also talked about staffing numbers, current openings and applicants, and positive work culture in the department. Sheriff Schmaling invited the board members to come to the jail to discuss more in-depth questions due to their nature and sensitivity. They talked about the types of training conducted.

Chairwoman Kaprelian suggested having joint meetings with the City of Racine to see how we can work together. Other programs included CREW, social workers helping police in mental health situations, and working with HDS and NAMI. The Jobs to Jail Program had a slower start than expected and the challenge was finding more motivation and skills needed to succeed at work. The new Telecomms Program had a goal to get detainees out as quickly as possible. The Sheriff made a point that teleconference can't be all free due to the operational costs. There is reporting that fentanyl is now being found in cannabis.

#5A – Referrals from the County Board – Resolutions requesting the State of Wisconsin to review and revise the entry level compensation rate for Assistant District Attorneys from St. Croix, Winnebago, Trempealeau, and Sheboygan Counties

#5B – Referrals from the County Board – Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin review its policy on Foreign Ownership of Farmland by Entities Party to Adversarial Governments from Winnebago County

Action: To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Demske. Seconded: Supervisor Rutkowski. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#5C – Referrals from the County Board – Resolutions requesting the State to revise the current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula from Columbia, Door, Lafayette, Langlade, Monroe, Waushara, and Green Counties

Action: To receive and file. **Motion passed.** Moved: Supervisor Demske. Seconded: Supervisor Trottier. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#3 - Adjournment

Action: Adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Trottier. Seconded: Supervisor Wishau. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.