

LEGAL/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – August 10, 2021

PRESENT: Legislators Sauerbrey, Balliet, Standinger, Hollenbeck, Mullen, Roberts and Sullivan, County Attorney Peter DeWind, District Attorney Martin; Public Defender Awad, Assigned Counsel Coordinator Irene Graven, Chief Accountant Jerzak, K. Chandler

ABSENT:

Meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes - On motion of Legislator Hollenbeck, seconded by Legislator Roberts and unanimously carried the minutes from the July 2021 meeting were approved.

YTD budget - Financials are tracking well for both Legal and Safety.

New Business:

- **Yearly budget requests** District Attorney Martin presented the District Attorney Budget request. Public Defender Awad presented their proposed budget and discussed the cost savings to the advantages of having his own ILS funded line to order professional evaluations and investigations. Both expressed the expense associated with the Court's catching up with criminal case backlogs. Irene Graven presented the Assigned Counsel and Indigent Legal Services budget request. All budgets presented had been crafted to comply with County Budget guidelines. County Attorney DeWind presented the County Attorney's Office request with discussion of expanding the safety officer position to full time.
- **Use of County Facilities** County Attorney DeWind informed the Legislature about several requests to continue using 56 Main Street past its currently closing time of 5:00 P.M. Discussions was held on the reasons for 56 Main being closed after 5 P.M. due to security issues and the availability of alternative County rooms at the Sheriff's Office and DSS. No change in policy at present as examination of 56 Main Street continues. County Attorney asked about the provisions of Local Law No. 4 of 2005 which prohibits overnight parking in County lots and imposes \$25, \$50 and \$100 fines with the potential to tow violators at their own expense. No change in policy at this time.
- **Litigation** No formal claims were received this month. County Attorney was informed of a potential claim requesting return of personal property but the matter has been resolved for the time being.
- **Executive Session** Entered executive session at 11:10 for the purpose of discussing Litigation Strategy and a personnel matter. Exited executive session at 11:40 without having made determinations or taken votes to be reported for the record.