

LWV Observer Corps Report August 2022

***Denotes things to watch for in the future.**

Two Rivers City Council Meeting Observer Summary- Sue Matczynski

8-1-2022

Highlights:

- A citizen voiced her concern about “Beer Bash” (Beach Bash) stating it was “godawful” due to the noise. She suggested in the future the City Council require bands at the beach to use the pavilion and point their speakers toward the lake, and a Council member be present with a decibel meter. The City Manager reminded the Council they had waived the noise ordinance for Beach Bash.
- Council members reported communications from citizens suggesting people from out-of-town be charged for parking at the beach; wondering if people who reside outside of the city are charged to advertise their businesses on the City’s website; wondering why utility bills are now being sent from California; expressing support for broadcasting Council meetings on cable TV; expressing unhappiness with the wording on the notice for the upcoming Public Hearing on ATVs/UTVs; and expressing unhappiness Council members participating in the recent Snow Fest parade chose to ride in a vehicle rather than walk. A Council member expressed her concern a missing stop sign she had reported had not yet been replaced and the City Manager directed staff to immediately address the issue.
- Council member Darla LeClair shared the Environmental Advisory Board had approached the Lester Public Library about hosting a Winter educational series on the environment (including topics such as stormwater runoff, green infrastructure and no mow May) and noted WPPI has a tree grant program which can assist residents with replacing trees lost to Emerald Ash borer.
- The City Manager:
 - Noted reconstruction has begun on 17th Street with water main work and there are plans to widen Mariners Trail over the Washington Street bridge during the 2026 overlay/repaving of Memorial Drive.
 - Noted the Central Park West 365 Project has reached over 80% of its fundraising goal.
 - Reminded citizens they can submit comments prior to the August 15th Public Hearing on ATVs/UTVs.
 - Noted there are now kayak launches on both the East and West Twin Rivers (at Paddlers Park and Vets Park).
 - Reminded citizens that In Person Absentee Voting can occur at City Hall until August 5th and polling locations (St. Peter the Fisherman and Abundant Life churches) will be open from 7 AM to 8 PM during the August 9th Partisan Primary Election. The City Clerk noted the City will be using Badger Books (which is not connected to the Internet) to check in existing voters and register new voters for the first time.

- Noted the Wisconsin Department of Revenue has released its equalized property valuation figures for 2021 and Two Rivers grew by 18%, comparable to the City and County of Manitowoc.
- The City Council:
 - Adopted an ordinance rezoning 26 square feet of land in the 1700 block of East Street from Business to Residential.
 - Approved a motion instructing City staff to prepare a resolution regarding the purchase of the Streu property on 19th Street.
 - Upon learning City staff had verified Spectrum ensured their equipment would be operational during the three-year lease period but American Rescue Funds probably could not be used, authorized the City Manager to bring a budget amendment to Council for the purpose of cable TV equipment upgrade (so Council meetings could once again be broadcast on cable TV).

Meeting time: 1 hour and 28 minutes

Two Rivers City Council Meeting

8-15-2022

Highlights:

- The Council approved the City’s acceptance of a “Friendship Table” sculpture gifted by Sister City Domazlice, Czech Republic, and its placement at a city park.
- Firefighter/Paramedic Louis Kumbalek was honored for his completion of the one-year probationary period.
- A Public Hearing regarding the operation of ATVs and UTVs on city streets lasted for over two hours. Two dozen citizens spoke both for and against the issue at the meeting; the City Manager noted his office had received over 90 communications from citizens with the vast majority in opposition; a City Council member noted a Facebook poll he conducted received almost 90 responses with the vast majority in support; and a citizen speaker presented the Council with a petition signed by 156 citizens in opposition. Those in support cited personal freedom and the expansion of tourism to winter months, and those in opposition (including the Police Chief) cited safety and noise concerns. On a 6-3 vote the Council decided against a two-year trial allowing ATVs and UTVs on city streets.
- Three citizens spoke to the Council on other matters. One stated their belief the Council President’s offer to shovel the Police Chief’s driveway at the June 6th meeting if he changed his position regarding ATVs and UTVs was an example of “pro quo”, and requested the City Attorney and City Manager review the tape of that meeting (both the Council President and the Police Chief stated they believed the comment was made in jest); one citizen believed they were billed incorrectly for an ambulance call; and another citizen suggested the ATV/UTV issue be included on a ballot as a referendum.
- Council members reported complaints from citizens about golf carts, electric bikes speeding on Mariners Trail, the format of the new utility bill, dogs barking and cheap houses in the city “bringing in problems”.
- The City Manager shared:

- There is a new mural painted at Neshotah Park and Two River's creative grooming of Neshotah Beach garnered attention on social media.
- The Central Park West Project achieved 83.5% of its fundraising goal following a \$15,000 donation from Schwartz Manufacturing.
- 2022 room tax revenue is 24% ahead of last year's record pace, with a substantial contribution from the city's 38 licensed vacation rentals.
- The City of Manitowoc has agreed to withdraw its third-party complaint including Two Rivers in its lawsuit with the Manitowoc Area Visitor Convention Bureau.
- The 17th Annual Kites Over Lake Michigan will be held September 3-4 at Two Rivers High School.
- The City Council:
 - Approved the Consent Agenda after withdrawing the denial of an Application for Operator's License. The Police Chief will meet with the denied applicant and review the rehabilitation review procedure.
 - Authorized an Inter-Fund Loan to fund \$28,000 for Equipment/Technology Purchase for airing Council meetings on Spectrum Cable.
 - Approved the City's Manager's appointments to the Business Improvement District Board and the Lester Library Board of Directors.
 - Tabled an ordinance authorizing a change to Municode from General Code pending discussion between the City Attorney and the City Manager's Office regarding wording of the ordinance.
 - Authorized the purchase of the stage structure for the Central Park West 365 Project despite concerns by a few Council members that the City had not yet reached its fundraising goal.
 - Authorized the City Manager to sign a Wisconsin Wildlife Damage Abatement and Claim application to allow shooting of geese on undeveloped Industrial Park property owned by the City. The farmer leasing the land has had problems with geese pulling up his bean crop.
 - Authorized the City Manager to sign a development agreement with Wine Not, LLC to assist with the Cool City Brewing Company project at 1718 West Park Street.

Meeting time: 4 hours and 6 minutes

**Two Rivers School District Meeting
Observer Summary- Mary Wallace**

8-8-2022

Highlights:

The new CESA 7 Director, Colleen Timm, was there to talk about all the services CESZ 7 offers.

The Board has been planning a public information campaign on the referendum. A dozen meetings with various groups have been planned.

Two large contributions to the Angel Fund have been received. The school social worker is in charge of the fund which is meant to purchase things needed by students.

201 students are registered for the Two Rivers' Lighthouse Academy Charter School.

31 new staff have been hired for the coming school year. There are still a few open positions and neither of the new special education teachers at LB Clare are certified. They are both new graduates who will be working on getting certified. The Superintendent explained all the new staff in-services and training for mentor teachers.

The Board heard the annual report on the use of seclusion and restraints. There were no incidents at the high school, and under 5 incidents at the elementary and middle schools. All staff receive training on non-violent crisis intervention

Two Rivers School District Meeting 8-22-2022

Highlights:

4 more teachers were hired and all teaching positions were filled. Getting substitutes is a problem, but they have had a few retired staff sign up

The Athletic Director gave a report on the naming of the athletic field and said 125 kids are out for fall sports.

There was a long explanation of the Positive Behavioral Interventions program which focuses on being preventative and proactive, developing relationships with the kids, setting expectations and reteaching correct behaviors. It follows the Kids at Hope philosophy and is school wide. Behaviors that should be handled in the classroom versus those that should be escalated to the principal's office are clarified. Each building principal went over how this will be done in their school. A goal is to have each child have a trusted adult at school.

Manitowoc Public School District Meeting Observer Summary- Linda Gratz

8-9-2022

Highlights:

Public Input:

- Some members of the audience stressed that the board needs to represent the school district more professionally and stay neutral being careful not to use inflammatory

postings in social media. Others stated that they thought the board was doing a great job running the district.

- Some of the audience members were concerned over the LGBTQ students not feeling supported and being stressed out because of it. Later Mathew Spaulding read a letter from someone who couldn't attend that voiced a concern over the fact that there really isn't any such thing as gender dysphoria and that children are too young to make these kinds of decisions; and that the board needs to fight back against this movement in our schools.
- One person had a concern over an upcoming vote on whether or not to support a referendum and reminded school board members to please make an informed decision.
- A concern over the unfettered access to our schools and safety issues related to school board members having fobs was also addressed.

Agenda:

- The consent agenda was voted on and nothing was removed for discussion.
- Teacher openings was discussed and the HR Director stated that this is a nationwide issue and that the numbers aren't alarming. We have 12 district wide openings for teachers. We are still doing exit interviews when we have people leaving the district to help us identify why.
- The Seclusion and Restraint report was presented to the board and showed that our overall numbers were down. Staff has been trained on how to use the least restrictive measures to reduce the number of children secluded and restrained.
- The current HR Director is leaving the district and a new person has taken her place.
- Brett Norell was present and gave an update on strategic planning. The board will be surveyed first and then the staff. It was decided that the staff won't be required to put their names on the surveys so they feel more comfortable with answering the questions. They also approved the scope and timeline for the project.

There were some problems with the streaming with audio cutting out several times.

Next meeting will be August 23, 2022 @ 6:00

Manitowoc Public School District Meeting

8-24-22 (Due to the funeral of the Jackson School Principal the meeting was moved from 8-23 to 8-24)

Highlights:

Agenda:

- The Strategic Plan update was given by Brett Norell. The board survey was distributed and completed by the board members. Next the administrative staff and teachers will be surveyed and asked to return completed surveys by September 11th. They didn't discuss the board results because they didn't want to influence the other people being surveyed. The results of the surveys will be reported out at a later date.
- The Curriculum Committee discussed policy 2240 Controversial Issues in the Classroom at their meeting and they voted 2 to 1 not to allow teachers to give their personal opinions on controversial issues in class. Board member Kerry Trask a former UW Manitowoc Professor agreed with the majority stating that he believes that teachers need to appear neutral and not give personal opinions. Changes to the policy were approved for the first read.
- The Code of Conduct was presented to the board for their support. The Board members were extremely supportive of this procedure and complimented the Behaviors Committee for all their hard work bringing this to fruition. It was stressed that this will need buy in from the administration, staff, teachers, parents, and students. The Superintendent needs to enact and support this procedure. It was stated that a lot of things haven't been clarified in the past and we need to support this. Members of the board wanted to know how we will make sure that it's being implemented successfully and were assured that there will be on-going monitoring throughout the year to monitor and troubleshoot concerns. All board members were in favor of adopting the new Code of Conduct.
- School Board voted to go into closed session to discuss the performance of the new Superintendent.

**Manitowoc County Board Meeting
Observer Summary- JoEllen Gramling**

8-21-2022

Highlights:

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Rieck Beiersdorf, Town of Meeme, provided information regarding the ordinance for the amendment of the zoning map pertaining to his property.

- Maura Yost, Town of Centerville, advocated for a referendum question pertaining to the halfcent additional sales tax. 95% of Wisconsin counties have this additional sales tax, which provides substantial property tax relief.

REPORTS OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS, OFFICERS, AND DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS
County Executive Bob Ziegelbauer and Chairperson Martell presented a Proclamation Declaring September as Juror Appreciation Month to Clerk of Court Director Lynn Zigmunt who spoke of the importance of jurors in our system.

APPOINTMENTS BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE: • Chairperson Martell presented County Executive Ziegelbauer's appointments of Supervisor James Falkowski and Jill Pope to succeed themselves on the Land Information Council for a two-year term expiring September 2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Park Commission: Supervisor Falkowski:

- The Board unanimously approved Resolution 2022/2023-21 accepting a donation of \$50,755 from Geoff and Carla Liban for the purchase and installation of a new playground at Lower Cato Falls Park.
 - The Board unanimously approved Resolution 2022/2023-22 accepting a donation for the from Manitowoc County Fish and Game Protective Association/FORWARD Endowment in the amount of \$9,071 towards the purchase and installation of a handicap accessible pier at Pigeon Lake.
 - The Board unanimously approved three ordinances amending the zoning map. All the requests met the legal criteria for rezoning. Properties rezoned were for Allen A. and Jeanette Miller Revocable Living Trust, Rieck and Sandra Beiersdorf, and Edwin Reif.
- Aging and Disability Board: Supervisor Wagner reported that The Walk to End Alzheimers will take place on 9/17. Walk-ins and calls for information are back to pre-Covid levels.
- Executive Committee: The Executive Committee met jointly with the Public Works Committee regarding the Courthouse Dome & Facility Improvements Study from Strang Architects. This is going to be an ongoing conversation.
- Expo-Ice Center Board: Supervisor Sitkiewitz reported on the upcoming county fair and fair events. The Fairest of the Fair competition will be held on 8/27; there are 3 contestants. There are many volunteer opportunities available for fair week, which is 8/24 to 8/28. Chairperson Martell presented a proclamation commending Tess Salm, current Manitowoc County "Fairest of the Fair" for her work.
- Finance Committee: No report.
- Highway Committee: Supervisor Behnke reported that bridges are going in relatively good shape and on time due in part to cooperative weather. Traffic and safety training coming up in fall.

- Human Service Board: Supervisor Brey reported that the annual Human Services public hearing will be held on 8/25.
- Land Conservation Committee/UW-Extension Education and Agriculture Committee: Supervisor Wagner reported that they would be meeting in a few days to discuss and approve some agreements and amendments.
- Public Safety Commission: The Board approved unanimously adoption of Resolution 2022/2023-26 Authorizing Acceptance of the Tribal and Local Law Enforcement Agency Initiative Grant Funds. Manitowoc County Sheriff will receive \$77,000. The number of felony crimes continues to increase. Supervisor Falkowski reported on the unique funding situation in the DA's office; funds come from both the state and the county. Officers of the Sheriff's Office have been responding in a professional manner to "First Amendment Auditors".
- Public Works Committee: Supervisor Gerroll discussed pay requests for several capital projects and CDBG funded projects. The Public Health Elevator Modernization Project was awarded to the low bidder, Kone Elevator, at a cost of \$80,415.00.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 pm The County Board meeting is available for viewing at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5FGR1Wq1Oo>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFzrVsHYu-8>

Manitowoc Common Council Meeting Observer Summary- Christine Aguilar

Manitowoc Common Council

8-8-2022 Special Meeting

Highlights:

Call to order by Mayor Justin Nickels at 5:00 PM, seven present, Vanderkin, Beeman and Cummings absent.

Public Input: None

Finance Committee:

Approved Request for an Extension of Premise from Brix Place LLC for an event on August 15, 2022.

Public Safety Committee:

Adopted Ordinance to amend section 10.150 regulating arterial streets, section 10.210 regulating three-way stops, section 10.290 regulating one-way streets and section 10.390 parking prohibited.

Public Infrastructure Committee:

- **Approved to award to Highway Landscapers Inc. in the amount of \$29,987.50.** Report of Board of Public Works of 7/6/2022, of bids received for Remove & Replace Sidewalks (Complaints) Program, WS-22-3.
- **Approved to reject current bids and rebid.** Report of Board of Public Works of 8/3/2022, of bids received for River Point Riverbank Project, WS-22-23.
- **Approved payment.** Report of Board of Public Works of 7/6/22 for 8th and final payment of \$18,350.50 to Automated Energy Solutions, Inc. (AES) for Building Automation System Upgrade - BAS System Upgrade for Safety Building, WB-21-21.
- **Adopted** Resolution to provide municipal water to properties outside of the city limits.
- **Approved to enter into agreement.** Amended Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of Manitowoc, Town of Newton, and the City of Manitowoc for Water Service.
- **Approved to enter into agreement.** Municipal Water Installment Agreements with Various Property Owners.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

ADJOURN: At 5:15 pm.

Manitowoc Common Council

8-15-2022

Highlights:

Call to order by Mayor Justin Nickels at 6:30 PM. Nine present.

Presentations:

- City Clerk administers Oath of Office and badge pinning of Officer Matthew Baughman and Officer Jacob Shillcox.
- City Clerk administers Oath of Office and badge pinning of Lieutenant Adam Theel, Motor Pump Operator Tammy Halle, Motor Pump Operator Kevin Wilke, and Motor Pump Operator Kevin Fabian.
- Commendation to Brayden Hunnicutt for assisting Patricia Schettl who fell in her garage.
- Key to the City presented to Angel Her, Miss Hmong USA America Nation 2022 and Miss America Nation 2022.

Public Hearing: None.

Public Input: No public input.

Appointments:

- **Appointments were approved.** Mayor makes the following appointments: Crime Prevention Committee - Nathan Hay; Transit Commission - Brian Portzen.

Consent Agenda: Consent agenda was approved.

Committee of the Whole:

- **Approved** Report of Special Events Committee Recommending approval for the following events subject to Council action: Residential Block Party - Delta St. on 8/12/2022 (Closure on Delta St. from 44th St. to 4310 Delta St.); Residential Block Party - Country Lane on 7/30/2022 (Closure of Country Ln from Deerfield Ln to Kellner St.); Hispanic Heritage Celebration on 9/16/2022 (Waiver of alcohol in Washington Park); AmVets Fundraiser on 9/10/2022 (Closure for small section on Divison St. right outside Renegades Bar.); Block Party - N 16th St. on 9/4/2022 (Closure from Waldo Blvd. to Wisconsin Ave. on N 16th St.); Halfway to St. Patrick's on 9/17/2022 (Closure on Jay St. from 8th St. to Big Jay's Smoke Shop); Block Party - Porche Ct. on 9/11/2022 (Closure of Porche Ct.)

Finance Committee:

- **Approved and placed on file** 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report with Auditors' Report. David Minch, Senior Manager with KerberRose, CPA Firm, said that the auditors found that the financial statements present fairly and are materially correct, which is the highest level of assurance. The audit was done with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and also Government auditing standards. Mr. Minch presented the audit in detail. No instances of internal control weaknesses were found. No instances of non-compliance were found on Federal or State grants. In the management representation letter, the auditors found no elevated risks of management override of controls, improper revenue recognition or misuse of credit cards.
- **Approved to enter into agreement with Godfrey and Kahn.** Possible discussion and action on remediation at former Mirro site -1512 Washington Street.
- **Approved** Request for Extension of Premise for Renegades LLC located at 1421 S 39th Street for an event on 9/10/2022.
- **Approved** Request for Extension of Premise for Moore's Pub LLC located at 811 Jay Street for an event on 9/17/2022.
- **Approved** Request for Extension of Premise for the Eagles Club located at 823 Hamilton Street for an event on 10/8/2022.
- **Placed on file** Update from Manitowoc Public Utilities on the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Personnel Committee:

- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend section 3.010(8) to set the salary for Common Council Members for the next term. Carried 8 to 1.

Public Infrastructure Committee:

- **Approved to enter into agreement** Financial Assistance Agreement for the 2022 Lead Service Line Program.
- **Approved to enter into agreement** Municipal Water Installment Agreements with Various Property Owners.
- **Adopted** Resolution Authorizing a Harbor Assistance Program (HAP) Grant Application.

Public Safety Committee:

- **Adopted** Ordinance to amend Chapter 31 of the MMC regulating Signs.
- **Approved** Demolition Permit Request by McMahon, Inc., agent for Holy Family Convent of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, for demolition of a structure in excess of 100,000 cubic feet located at 2406 S. Alverno Road, pursuant to Section 16.070(1)(b) of the Manitowoc Municipal Code.
- **Adopted** Ordinance to revise parking in the City owned parking lot adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Plan Commission: None

Other Business: None

Adjourn: At 7:29 pm.

For further information click on <https://manitowoc.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> to see the Common Council Meeting Details, Agenda, Video, and the Minutes when completed

**Manitowoc County Human Services Board Monthly Meeting
Observer Summary- Suzanne Zipperer**

8/25/2022

Highlights:

Public Hearing on Budget for 2023

The meeting began with input from the public hearing on the priorities for the 2023 budget. Three LWV members spoke:

Donna Firman spoke representing her role as president of Manitowoc County NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and for the Mental Health Committee of LWV Manitowoc County. Donna outlined how the Mental Health Court would work and the benefits to the community. She said they court would actually save money by ensuring people are able to get help and reducing recidivism. (NOTE: Currently the county is over-spent on its budget for adult mental health services because of the high number of adults being sent to in-patient services in Mendota and Winnebago.) She pointed out the once the drug court was established that more community services, such as Lighthouse, opened to serve Manitowoc. She gave an overview of how this public/private partnership would work.

Mary Wallace listed community services organizations that were started by groups of concerned citizens and asked that the Board be open to listening and acting on ideas put forward by the community.

Nancy Slattery said that although the Affordable Care Act offers insurance coverage, the costs are still high. She said there is a lack of transparency on how funds are utilized and what is available. She asked the board to be inquisitive about what mental health services are actually available in the community and how they are paid for.

The public comment time closed and the regular meeting began.

Statistical Highlights

Director Patricia Dodge highlighted three statistics:

- Reunification of children in foster care with families is up with 9 in the past month. (NOTE: There are 76 children in foster care and 110 with kin of 69 family cases where children could not remain safely in the home.)
- Residential treatment cases are up by six. These are children who cannot be cared for in regular foster homes and need treatment for mental health issues.
- Year to date, there were 127 intakes for mental health/AODA crisis.

Director's Report

A safety manual was put together several years ago and is being updated. Threats to staff have increased over the past few years. The department is looking to contract a safety coach. The sheriff department came in and offered active shooter training, but there is a need for training for safety in the field.

There are three positions open: Economic Support Specialist, Comprehensive Services Specialist, and Psychotherapist. The psychotherapist is a difficult position to fill as it is a doctoral level.

There are four vans assigned to HS and there is a need for more. Staff uses them to transport clients.

The meeting adjourned. The Board toured the facility after the meeting.

Manitowoc County CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) Executive Committee Meeting

Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery

8--2022

Highlights: **No Report**

Manitowoc County CJCC (Criminal Justice Coordinating Council) Meeting

Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery

Next meeting September 7th.

**Public Safety Committee meeting
Observer Summary- Nancy Slattery**

8-10-2022

Highlights:

Attendees: Supervisor Falkowski, Supervisor Leo Naidl, Sheriff Hartwig, District Attorney La Bre, Supervisor Vogt, Supervisor Muench, Patricia Koppa, Nancy Slattery and Supervisor Shimulunas attending as a private citizen.

S. Shimulunas spoke during public input re an incident in her neighborhood when she called into both the public works dept in Two Rivers and the police about a missing stop sign and suspected criminal activity in a nearby residence. Both times she felt the matter was brushed aside and not handled properly.

Sheriff Hartwig reported on some money his department had received from the state as part of the \$19 million grant that Gov. Evers dispersed. He said the county got 77,000 and Manitowoc City got 90,000. He did not mention the Two Rivers amount. He was told by the finance director to put it into his fiscal budget. He intends to use it for internal upgrades and has a two-year window to get it applied. He mentioned a few items but all was said in a rush and I could not get the info down.

DA La Bre gave a report on her office. The budget funding is a mix of both state and county dollars. The DA and this ones recently. Her concern now is the budget in the next two cycles as the IT costs for all WI DA offices is also state funded. If the state budget does not have this in the next two-year budget, then the county will have to pick up some of the cost. So, worrying now about the future. She is hoping the additional judge will clear up some of the backlog in cases.

Crime is up with some related to drugs but not directly but more to crimes to get cash. The caseload of pornography and sexual assault and abuse cases are up. Child pornography is up- 2-3 this past month with the full range of ages and races but mostly males. The use of digital technology and state and national helps has helped get leads to follow up on individuals locally.

S Muench congratulated the Sheriff for his restraint when responding to a recent incident when an individual was exercising their first amendment right of free speech.

The next Public Safety Committee meeting will be 5 pm on September 14, 2022 – Coroner Curt Green will be speaking.

Notes from the prior meeting:

Chair Falkowski recognized Sheriff Dan Hartwig. Sheriff introduced **new jail personnel, Maj. Andrew LaCrosse and Lt. Jack Valukas**. Started positions as of Monday (three days prior.)

Given the new makeup of the committee, began report with a breakdown of the three divisions of the Sheriff office: Operations, Support and Jail. Explained the functions of each to provide background to the details of the report.

In Operations, patrol is fully staffed on June 13. This includes several newly authorized positions from the current and prior budget. The budget looks good with the expected overages in fuel due to the spike in gas prices. Noted there are some expansion and improvement projects in the works including expanding the evidence room and ongoing equipping and training of the Drone Team.

In Support, able to also state fully staffed. Notes that the budget for 2023 will include a request for two additional bailiff positions in light of the approval of Branch 4 and the decision to locate that courtroom in the basement with the commissioner courtroom remaining in B-15. Note that means five locations. This unit is also involved in Governor Warrants and extraditions which can be very expensive, but some cost has been recovered by the reduction of transports for court due to the use of the Zoom videoconferencing for non-evidentiary hearings in criminal and for the majority of civil commitment cases.

2 The Jail is subject of today's inspection. This is the greatest area of staffing change. There have been ten departures since January 1. In addition to ordinary procedures, candidates must undergo a background check, psychological examination and a physical exam and testing. After that there is a seven-week training with a subsequent 5-week program to be completed before the one-year anniversary. There are openings currently following the various promotions. Given the departures, the cost of payouts has been high. **Some additional revenue has been generated by the partnership with Meals on Wheels.**

Noted the remodeling of the visitation area which will be featured on the inspection tour. Are continuing converting to various electronic reports to increase efficiencies for the correction officers. There is a program to **equip jails with Narcan**. Needed due to drugs coming in despite searches. ARPA funds have provided radio replacement units for jail and patrol. The UVC cleaners have been welcomed. Promised to reduce sick leave. Squad cars have addition equipment upgrades... useful while waiting for new vehicles to be delivered.

Recent community activities include DARE graduations, the Memorial Day parade, Cops and Bobbers (a fishing program with the officers and children in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and children of the Drug Court participants.) Will be participating in the Touch the Trucks program in July as well as at the County Fair. Watch for event by "Paws for Laws" the charitable organization funding the K9 program. Sheriff then answered questions before the full committee went to the jail for the annual inspection tour.

Meeting Announcements: Chair Falkowski note the next meeting is July 13, 2022. We will be hearing from the judges at that meeting.

Inspection Tour: Sheriff Hartwig, Maj. LaCrosse and Lt. Valukas all offered perspectives and information while leading the group through the jail. The new areas are all equipped with corrections grade furnishings. Next big project will be refurbishing the elevator which has been in use since construction 30 years ago. That will be a challenge as it is the only elevator and everything including laundry and food service will require using the stairs.

