

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

February 3rd, 2021

Virtual via WebEx

Members Present: Boyd Frederick, David Celebre, Jeff Wamboldt, Mark Nordigian, Sharon Pomaville, Jerry Gulley, YIG Gabrielle Wellman, (via WebEx)

Others Present: Supervisor Rodriguez, Supervisor Berg, Supervisor John O'Day, Supervisor Sandra Beth, Captain Bill Beth, Chief Deputy Mark Levin, Jasleen Kaur, Lt. Lt. Steve Beranis, Lt. Eric Klinkhammer, Alyssa Werfelmann

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Boyd Frederick

Citizen Comments: 6:31: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:31: Supervisor Rodriguez asked for confirmation on the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department having one Captain on Administrative Leave. Chief Deputy Levin confirmed one Captain was on leave and any other inquiries should go through the Human Resources Department.

Chairman Comments: 6:32: None

Approval of the Minutes from January 6th, 2021:

Motion by: Nordigian **Seconded by:** Pomaville **Approved:** unanimously

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

FY2018 Grant Award-Homeland Security – Wisconsin Emergency Management/ HS ALERT BOMB XRAY UPGRADE

Motion by: Pomaville **Seconded by:** Nordigian **Approved:** unanimously

6:33: Lt. Beranis presented the resolution requesting approval for the \$3500.00 grant that will be used to purchase an upgraded bomb x-ray system. Chairman Frederick asked what the equipment was for and if the taxpayers pay anything. Lt. Beranis replied that the equipment is an upgraded piece of equipment allowing the use of a wireless portable x-ray system, and the grant covers the entire cost.

Discussion of Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Update on Body Cameras:

6:36: Lt. Klinkhammer lead the discussion updating the board about the installment of body cameras on all Sheriff's Department sworn staff. A vendor called Body Worn was chosen and installation includes a combination of squad car cameras along with body cams. Body cams will be implemented in patrol, jail, and conveyance. Every uniform line staff will have a body cam installed. Developing the policy and expected to go live between April and May. IT is currently working with the vendor for setup and preliminary stages. Rodriguez asked if we are keeping the old equipment. Lt. Klinkhammer responded that the old equipment is not compatible and will be eventually auctioned or sold off. Celebre asked where on the uniform the body cam would be worn. Lt. Klinkhammer responded that the vendor has already started to modify the uniforms. They are going with the vendor's suggested height of mid-chest. The camera is stored inside a case, inside the uniform shirt, in a zipper, and a grommet houses the lens. Pomaville requested that a in-person or video demonstration, which would be good information for the board and community on what coverage a Deputy has. Lt. Klinkhammer agreed and will include promotional materials that will also be rolled out to the community. Berg asked for a vendor representative to be present during the demonstration, and Lt. Klinkhammer advised it would have to be virtual since they are based out of Georgia. Berg asked how many times the cameras would turn on and when, and what data would be extractable. Lt.

Klinkhammer replied cameras would be tripped to turn on in several ways. Cameras trip geographically when they are within a certain radius of call via GPS. They also turn on when the squad door opens, officers can manually turn them on, and when the overhead lights are turned on. The body cams will also work as the microphones for the squad camera audio. Extractable data from the cameras include the ability to look at the footage of single or group of officers, and video is available via the vendors secure website. There is a GPS breadcrumb trail in the event of a foot pursuit. Additional data includes dates, times, if the camera was turned on/off, GPS locations, and audio/visual. Body cams can be turned on/off manually when eating dinner, restrooms, etc. will be tracked and monitored. Rodriguez asked regarding the policies if there are disciplinary measures if the cameras are off when they shouldn't be. Lt. Klinkhammer replied yes, policies are rules and regulations that if not followed are subject to disciplinary procedures. Celebre asked if the data being stored with the vendor can be used for their own purposes and what is the expiration time before the footage is deleted. Lt. Klinkhammer replied the vendor does not have retention data. Per State Statute all camera footage will be retained for 120 days before expiring. Any video marked as evidence can be kept indefinitely without an expiration. Berg and Nordigian agreed that if we can keep it longer, we should, but investigate what the maximum storage is and the cost breakdowns. Pomaville asked what the retention policy was on other items like paper, audio, etc. and how it stacks up to the 120 days. Lt. Klinkhammer responded that those are county policies that have a wide range of retention dates depending on the item. 120 days is State Statute and further questions on why would have to be followed up directly with the State. Gulley verified that 120-day retention was only for non-controversial or problematic incidents, but any pertinent footage is kept forever. Lt. Klinkhammer said yes, this was the case. In his experience he is only had to go back 2-3 months at the most and typically they know well before the 120 days threshold if there is an issue. Nordigian wanted to know if there was notification given before the footage was deleted. Lt. Klinkhammer said with 300 cameras being installed and running 10-12 hours a day, a review of each footage would be impossible, so this is an automatic process. Berg asked if there is a discussion with the DA's office to use the footage in the event of false accusations. Lt. Klinkhammer replied in the event of criminal accusations the footage would be reviewed and used. It was agreed that there will be an update at each JLEC meeting until it goes live in April or May.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:02: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02: on motion by Pomaville; seconded by Celebre

A recording of the meeting is available online at kenoshacounty.org

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alyssa Werfelmann". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alyssa Werfelmann