

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022**  
**KCAB 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Members Present:** Boyd Frederick, Sharon Pomaville, Jeff Wamboldt, Mark Nordigian, Terry Rose, Laura Belsky, Jerry Gully

**Others Present:** Cpt. Tony Gonzalez, Lt. Horace Staples, Angela Khabbaz, YIG Samuel Arnold, YIG Reya Babu

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

**Citizen Comments:** 6:30 None

**Supervisor Comments:** 6:30 None

**Chairman Comments:** 6:30 None

**Approval of the Minutes from February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022:**

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

**Resolution from Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:**

**Approving the Appointment of Nancy Kemp to serve as a member of the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group #1 – Local Elected Official)**

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

6:31: Lt. Horace Staples, Director of Kenosha County Sheriff's Emergency Management, presented. Supervisor Belsky asked if Lt. Staples had worked with Nancy before. Lt. Staples replied that he did, and she would be an excellent addition to the committee. Supervisor Pomaville added that Nancy was a former employee at the Sharing Center. She added that Nancy was rock solid, smart, fast moving, and agreed she would be an excellent addition to the committee. Supervisor Belsky motioned to approve, seconded by Supervisor Pomaville. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

**Approving the 2022 WI Dept. of Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Equipment Grant**

**Motion by:** Belsky      **Seconded by:** Frederick      **Approved:** unanimously

6:33: Cpt. Tony Gonzalez, Kenosha County Sheriff's Captain of Operations, presented along with Angela Khabbaz, Fiscal Services Manager for the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if the four vehicles would all be different from each other. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that they would be a variety of makes and models. Supervisor Gully asked if there would be a continuing cost after the grant has ended and how would it be financed. Cpt. Gonzalez replied that they are looking at leasing for a year to see if it works for the department, with no additional costs anticipated. When the next grant becomes available, they will revisit it. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if that would put the department out of vehicles for surveillance. Angela replied that the department is leasing one vehicle for one year but would not be getting rid of the current four vehicles. She added that \$10k grant money is not going to go far for leases, but it will get them started for this year. Next year there will be grant money available through SEADOG and HIDTA grants. Supervisor Wamboldt asked about the four current vehicles and if they would be sold to generate revenue. Angela replied they would eventually get sold but did not want to get rid of them before knowing if leasing was going to work. Cpt. Gonzalez added that they were looking at approximately \$620 a month to lease. Supervisor Belsky motioned to approve, seconded by Chairman Frederick. Motion passes unanimously with no further discussion.

***Any Other Business Allowed by Law:***

6:37: Supervisor Nordigian brought up the vehicles purchased in 2021 that had been delayed. The committee had been informed 1-4 vehicles would arrive in February or March. Angela replied that the squad vehicles had been received with the last arriving last Friday. Supervisor Nordigian asked if the 2022 vehicles would be arriving within this year, to which Angela replied they would not.

Supervisor Wamboldt asked what the plan was for the next couple of years with the price of automobiles rising. Angela replied that it was another reason they were looking at leasing cars, because if they bought cars right now there would be an increase in price. Due to the current car market the leased car would not be delivered until at least June and the order was placed last year.

Supervisor Nordigian asked about the 13 vehicles that were in the 2022 budget and if those had been received. Angela replied that orders go in right after approval and are typically received in the first quarter of the following year. However, the 3-4 month turnaround is now currently taking 10-11 months. Supervisor Nordigian commented that there is another budgeting period coming up and if the 2022 vehicles are not going to be here until 2023, then they may need to look at the 2023 vehicles differently since they may not arrive until 2024. Angela replied that the way she was envisioning it, after speaking with Finance about it first, is the capital budget set up for the 2022 vehicles were not received by the end of the year, then they would be requesting the County Board to roll over the additional capital to the following year. Supervisor Nordigian clarified that they would not be looking for additional 2023 capital, to which Angela replied no, they would not be.

Supervisor Nordigian referenced Supervisor's Wamboldt's comment on cars waiting to get their chips and commented that they might be able to get good deals on 2021 vehicles since 2022's is currently being made. Angela clarified if Supervisor Nordigian meant when they purchased the 2022 vehicles. Supervisor Nordigian asked if those had already been ordered Angela replied yes, they had. Supervisor Belsky commented that the prices are not coming down though. Supervisor Nordigian replied that based on the economy and the \$4-5 gas prices, they might be surprised when the 2021 vehicles become available. Angela added that they had not ruled out looking at older model vehicles and when ordering the 2023 vehicles they can check.

Supervisor Wamboldt asked about electric vehicles and how that relates, with electric cars being more and more prevalent. Angela replied that the 2022 vehicles they just ordered are hybrids. This is the first step to see if they have enough power to perform. Supervisor Wamboldt asked if they made hybrids for trucks and Supervisor Belsky replied yes, they do. Angela commented that for the 2022 vehicles they went back to SUV's after receiving some feedback from officers that the current trucks were uncomfortable and did not provide enough storage.

Angela addressed a previous question from Supervisor Nordigian about ordering vehicles in 2023. In 2021 they ordered the 2022 models, and at the end of 2022 they still planned on ordering the 2023 models. Supervisor Nordigian replied that he understood they needed to be replaced, but if they still did not have the 2022 models then how should it be adjusted and how to look at the 2023 models differently. Angela commented that there was a joint effort between herself and the Sargent in charge of Support Services to develop a plan or rotating out high mileage vehicles and rotate in new vehicles. The schedule goes all the way out to 2025 and it will be 2026 before they can say they will not need any more vehicles, tentatively. Supervisor Nordigian replied that the 2021 were received in the first quarter of 2022, basically one year later, and if the same will happen for the 2023's it should be something to look at.

***Meeting Adjourned:*** 6:44: on motion by Supervisor Pomaville; seconded by Nordigian.

A recording of the meeting is available online at [kenoshacounty.org](http://kenoshacounty.org)

Respectfully Submitted,



Alyssa Werfelmann