

**Public Safety Committee**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**  
**5:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, JGC Building**

## **MINUTES**

### **Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call**

Committee Chairman Craig Golden called the Public Safety meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Upon the call of the roll, the following members were present; Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard, and Bruce Stark. Mitch Weaver and Dan Wright were absent. Nancy O’Kane was excused absent. (4 present, 3 absent) Also, in attendance; Cassy Carter – Financial Resources Director, Jane McFadden – Vermilion County Coroner, Cathy Jenkins – County Clerk, Robyn Heffern – Chief Deputy County Clerk’s Office, Russ Rudd – Director of EMA and Pat Hartshorn – Vermilion County Sheriff.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda**

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Crisi Walls to approve the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2023**

Crisi Walls motioned to approve minutes, second by Greg Shepard. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance – RE: Establishing the Number of Deputy Sheriffs and Correctional Officers**

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Craig Golden. Sheriff Hartshorn presented the ordinance to be placed in the FY2023-2024 Budget. This ordinance sets the total Deputy Sheriff positions at 42 and total correctional employees at 52 with 44 of that number being correction officers.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard and Bruce Stark. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

### **Agenda Item 6 – EMA Budget FY 2023-2024**

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Craig Golden. Russ Rudd presented the budget and explained all stayed the same with the exception of the increase in the salary line. This would allow Russ to hire a Chief Deputy to train so that he may retire in 2025.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard and Bruce Stark. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed

### **Agenda Item 7 – Coroner Budget FY 2023-2024**

Crisi Walls motioned, second by Greg Shepard to discuss. Jane McFadden presented the budget and explained they work hard to keep cost down. The budget is the same as last year with an increase of the 3.125% salary increase per union contract and county board action. She also stated the revenue will increase due to the increase in the cremation fee.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard and Bruce Stark. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

### **Agenda Item 8 – Merit Commission Budget FY 2023-2024**

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Crisi Wall to discuss. Sheriff Hartshorn explained the budget stayed the same as the previous year with the exception of the salary line.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard

and Bruce Stark. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 9 – Sheriff’s Department Budget FY 2023-2024**

Craig Golden motioned, second by Bruce Stark to discuss. Sheriff Hartshorn explained the only increases were to the salary line which was increased per County Board action.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard and Bruce Stark. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 10 – Public Safety Building Budget FY 2023-2024**

Crisi Walls motioned, second by Bruce Stark to discuss. Sheriff Hartshorn explained the salary line increased per County Board action. There was also an increase in doctor contract at 5%.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Craig Golden, Crisi Walls, Greg Shepard and Bruce Stark. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

**Agenda Item 11 – Executive Session**

None

**Agenda Item 12 - Items of Information**

None

**Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment**

Committee Chairman Golden adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director