

Chairperson: Supervisor Willie Johnson, Jr.
Clerk: Linda K. Durham, 278-4225
Research Analyst: Rick Ceschin, 278-5003

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY, SAFETY AND GENERAL SERVICES

Thursday, April 8, 2010

Milwaukee County Courthouse - Room 201-B

MINUTES

PRESENT: Supervisors Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

EXCUSED: Supervisor De Bruin - 1

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

RESOLUTION - 1

1. 09-475 A resolution by Supervisor Rice, creating a Redistricting Commission to be responsible for the independent drafting of supervisory Districts following the 2010 United States Census. (3/4/10) Laid over. (Recommended action: Refer to Corporation Counsel and County Board Staff)

APPEARANCE(S):

Supervisor Joseph Rice, (6th District)

Supervisor Rice provided a summary of the subject resolution. He stated that he wants to ensure that the redistricting process is transparent and fair.

Questions and comments ensued.

Supervisor Cesarz requested to be added as a co-sponsor of this resolution. There being no objection, it was so ordered.

***MOTION BY: (CESARZ) Refer to Corporation Counsel and County Board staff.
(Vote 6-0)***

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) - 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin - 1

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

APPOINTMENT – 1

2. 10-125 From County Executive, appointing Attorney Marcia E. Facey to serve on the Milwaukee County Ethics Board for a term expiring January 30, 2016. Attorney Facey will fill a vacancy resulting from the resignation of Dr. Helen Sobehart.

APPEARANCE(S):

Sherry Hill, County Executive's Office
Attorney Marcia E. Facey, Appointee

Attorney Facey provided comments relative to her appointment.

MOTION BY: (JURSIK) Approve the appointment. (Vote 6-0)

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin – 1

SHERIFF'S OFFICE – 3

3. 10-148 From the Sheriff's Office, requesting authorization to execute a contract with The G4S Wackenhut Corporation to provide inmate transportation services at the County Correctional Facilities Central and South.

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office
Inspector Richard Schmidt, Sheriff's Office
Jon Priebe, Fiscal Administrator, Sheriff's Office
Kevin Johnson, Vice-President, G4S Wackenhut
Mark Schaefer, General Manager, G4S Wackenhut

Inspectors Carr provided comments relative to the subject request.

Inspector Schmidt introduced Mr. Johnson and Mr. Schafer from G4S Wackenhut. He explained the difference between the two resolutions submitted. One resolution (Option one) doesn't include the sale of the vehicles (six fully equipped vans) and the second resolution (Option two) does. Inspector Schmidt pointed out the following important factors about this contract: Relative to DBE, The Nisha Group, LLC will provide over 17% of contracted services involved in hiring individuals to fulfill this contract. All hiring by Wackenhut would be people that were in the Military, have prior law enforcement experience or correctional officers; There is a cap on the contract; the Sheriff's Office would still have on-site evaluation; and the safe and timely delivery of the inmates.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Discussion ensued, with questions and comments relative to cost of vehicles, whether or not Wackenhut is comfortable with purchasing the vehicles, GS4 Wackenhut's change of name; military training and the RFP process.

Mr. Schaefer advised that the vehicles meet Wackenhut's standards and they are very comfortable purchasing them. Inspector Carr advised that if the vehicles are not sold, they would go to County auction.

MOTION BY: (LARSON) Layover until information can be provided relative to the exact figures on the number of local employees that Wackenhut will be hiring and currently hires within Milwaukee County.

The Committee was assured that Wackenhut is in no way affiliated or have any business dealings with Blackwater XE.

Supervisor Jursik requested that the information in the motion be provided before Board Day (April 22, 2010).

Chairman Johnson requested that an outline of transportation experiences from Wackenhut be provided before Board Day.

The following individuals provided comments:

Penni Secore - Against privatization.

Roy Felber – Concerns about the following: security and safety of Milwaukee County citizens and citizens of Wisconsin; liability; med runs;

Jerry Reider – Against privatization.

Chairman Johnson requested information pertaining to the history of the Milwaukee Rangers be provided ASAP. Inspector Carr advised that he would contact The Nisha Group, LLC and attain additional information about their security program for the past five years.

Discussion ensued relative to the RFP.

Inspector Carr advised that the RFP was posted on the website and that he would provide a copy of the RFP responses to Committee members.

Vote on the layover motion: 3-3

AYES: Broderick, Larson and Johnson (Chair) – 3

NOES: Cesarz, Jursik and Sanfelippo – 3

EXCUSED: De Bruin – 1

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Layover motion failed.

MOTION BY: (CESARZ) Approve Option two, with a request for additional information from G4S Wackenhut and the Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

AYES: Cesarz, Jursik and Sanfelippo – 3

NOES: Broderick, Larson and Johnson (Chair) – 3

EXCUSED: De Bruin – 1

This item will go to the Board without a recommendation.

4. 10-J-1 From the Sheriff's Office, Submission of Agreement between the Office of the
10-161 Sheriff and the Chief Judge regarding the provision of bailiff services for 2010 and 2011 **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office

Chief Judge Jeffrey Kremers, Court Services

Inspect Carr reviewed the subject report.

Discussion ensued, with questions and comments.

Chief Judge Kremers provided comments relative to the need for an adequate number of bailiffs to operate the courts.

MOTION BY: (JURSIK) Receive and place on file. (Vote 6-1)

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin – 1

This item was taken out of order.

5. 10-J-2 From the Sheriff's Office, National Institute of Corrections Technical Assistance
10-162 Project Final Report, *A Focused Review of the Milwaukee Correctional Center-South Facility* prepared by Jeffrey A. Schwartz, Ph.D **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

APPEARANCE(S):

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff's Office

Inspector Richard Schmidt – Sheriff's Office

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The Committee praised the Sheriff's Office staff for the job they have done.

Considerable discussion ensued, with questions and comments.

MOTION BY: (BRODERICK) Receive and place on file.

Discussion continued with questions relative to the concept of direct supervision.

Chairman Johnson requested a status report from the Sheriff's Office relative to Dr. Schwartz's recommendations due in the September cycle.

Supervisor Broderick amended his motion to include the request for a status report from the Sheriff's Office due in the September cycle.

Vote on the motion to receive and place on file, with a status report from the Sheriff's office regarding Dr. Swartz's recommendations due in the September cycle: 6-0

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin – 1

CORPORATION COUNSEL – 4

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s). At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary:

CORPORATION COUNSEL RECOMMENDS PAYMENT/SETTLEMENT OF THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS/LITIGATION (***Note: Section 56.08 of the Milwaukee County General Ordinances authorizes the Judiciary Committee to settle all claims when the amount does not exceed \$5,000.00, and the action of the Committee is final and no further County Board action is required.***):

6. 10-18 From Deputy Corporation Counsel, recommending payment in the amount of **\$3,841.00** to Robert Sevier in full settlement of his claim.

APPEARANCE(S):

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (CESARZ) Approve items 6, 7 and 8 together. (Vote 6-0)

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

AYES: Cesarz, Broderick, Jursik, Larson, Sanfelippo and Johnson (Chair) – 6

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: De Bruin – 1

7. 10-18 From Deputy Corporation Counsel, recommending payment in the amount of **\$1,029.00** to the Village of Hales Corners in full settlement of their claim.

SEE ACTION UNDER ITEM 6.

8. 10-18 From Deputy Corporation Counsel, recommending payment in the amount of **\$868.56** to Edward & D’Anne Tonn in full settlement of their claim.

SEE ACTION UNDER ITEM 6.

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9. 09-J-7 From Corporation Counsel, status report regarding the Christensen jail lawsuit.

APPEARANCE(S):

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

John Schapekahn, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

MOTION BY: (CESARZ) Adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85(1)(g), for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to Item 9. At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary: (Vote 6-0)

The Committee adjourned into closed session at approximately 11:30 a.m. and did not reconvene back into open session.

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Ceschin, Research Analyst, County Board

Bob Andrews, Deputy Corporation Counsel

John Schapekahn, Principal Assistant Corporation Counsel

Inspector Kevin Carr, Sheriff’s Office

Inspector Richard Schmidt, Sheriff’s Office

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded. Committee files contain copies of communications, reports and resolutions, which may be reviewed upon request to the Chief Committee Clerk. The official copy of these minutes, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available in the County Board Committee Services Division.

Adjourned: 11:40 a.m.

Linda K. Durham

Linda K. Durham, Committee Clerk

DEADLINE

***The next regular meeting of the Judiciary Committee is Thursday, May 13 2010.
All items for the agenda must be in the Committee Clerk's possession by the end of the
business day on Thursday, April 29, 2010.***

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