



Milwaukee County

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Meeting Minutes Judiciary, Safety and General Services Committee

Chairperson: Supervisor Anthony Staskunas
Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez
Supervisor Patti Logsdon
Supervisor Steven Shea
Supervisor Ryan Clancy

Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith, 414-278-4225
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Thursday, December 3, 2020

1:30 PM

County Legislative Information Center

VIRTUAL MEETING

This meeting was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center:
<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 1:32 p.m.

Present 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

PUBLIC COMMENT - 1

- 1 [20-34](#) Public written comments submitted by email to all members of the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services via JSGS@milwaukeecountywi.gov (**INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE**)

The Office of the County Clerk collects written comments submitted via JSGS@milwaukeecountywi.gov, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 20-34.

APPEARANCE:

Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

There were no public comments submitted for this meeting.

The December 3, 2020, record of public comments was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

APPOINTMENTS - 2

- 2 [20-824](#) From the County Executive, appointing Chantell Jewell as Superintendent of the House of Correction for a four-year term.

Attachments: [20-824 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [20-824 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)
 [20-824 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

David Crowley, County Executive, Office of the County Executive
Chantell Jewell, Interim Superintendent and Appointee, House of Correction

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

- 3 [20-825](#) From the County Executive, appointing Luke Soldner to the Milwaukee County Human Rights Commission for a term expiring December 9, 2022.

Attachments: [20-825 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [20-825 BIOGRAPHY/RESUME](#)
 [20-825 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCE:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive

Luke Soldner, Appointee, appeared and spoke in favor of this appointment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Clancy that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

REQUESTS FROM THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS - 3

- 4 [20-30](#) From the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, requesting a written informational report from the Chief Judge, First Judicial District, and the Clerk of Circuit Court, Combined Court Related Operations, regarding the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency on the operations of the First Judicial District. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**
- APPEARANCE:**
Chief Judge Mary Triggiano, First Judicial District, Combined Court Related Operations
- The December 2020 Verbal Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- 5 [20-29](#) From the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, requesting a written informational report from the Superintendent, House of Correction (HOC), regarding the response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency, and updates on confirmed employee and inmate cases at HOC. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**
- Attachments:** [20-29 DECEMBER REPORT \(received on 12/02/20\)](#)
- APPEARANCES:**
Chantell Jewell, Interim Superintendent, House of Correction
Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
- The December 2020 Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**
- 6 [20-42](#) From the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors, requesting a written informational report from the Sheriff, Office of the Sheriff, regarding the response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) public health emergency, and updates on confirmed employee and inmate cases at the Milwaukee County Jail. **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**
- Attachments:** [20-42 DECEMBER REPORT \(received 12/02/20\)](#)
- APPEARANCES:**
Theodore Chisholm, Chief of Staff, Office of the Sheriff
Inspector Aaron Dobson, Jail Commander, Office of the Sheriff
- The December 2020 Report for this Reference File was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

CORPORATION COUNSEL - 3

CLOSED SESSION (ITEMS 7 THROUGH 9)

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes, 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.

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Items 7 through 9.

7 [20-912](#)

From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, requesting authorization to settle the lawsuits *Estate of Tietjen v. Milwaukee County et al.*, Case Nos. 2012-CV-011616 and 2013-CV-003154, related to James Tietjen's termination from employment with Milwaukee County. **(Referred to the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Finance)**

Attachments: [20-912 REPORT](#)
 [20-912 RESOLUTION](#)
 [20-912 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [20-912 COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION \(JSGS\)](#)

APPEARANCE:
Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Item 7.

A motion was made by Supervisor Shea that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Ortiz-Velez, Logsdon, Shea, Clancy and Staskunas

Items 8 and 9 were considered together.

- 8 [20-12](#) From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding the status of pending litigation. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [20-12 DECEMBER REPORT \(received on 11/13/20\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 8 and 9 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Items 8 and 9.

The December Reports associated with Items 8 and 9 were **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 9 [20-13](#) From Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, providing an informational report regarding settlement payments. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services, and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [20-13 DECEMBER REPORT \(received on 11/13/20\)](#)

APPEARANCE:

Anne Kearney, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Items 8 and 9 were considered together.

The Committee did not adjourn into closed session to discuss Items 8 and 9.

The December Reports associated with Items 8 and 9 were **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

Length of Meeting: 1:32 p.m. to 3:08 p.m.

Adjourned,

Allyson R. Smith

Committee Coordinator

Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services is Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before THURSDAY, December 31, 2020, by 5:00 p.m., for the January meeting cycle.