**LEGAL/SAFETYCOMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – August 13, 2019**

PRESENT: Legislators Monell, Sauerbrey, Sullivan, Standinger, Weston, Mullen, Hollenbeck, and Roberts, County Attorney Peter DeWind,

ABSENT: Legislator Balliet

Meeting convened at 10:35 a.m.

District Attorney Martin went over his 2020 budget and his proposal for office/staff changes. His proposal includes hiring an additional full time ADA to cover the local courts, which is needed to comply with State mandates, and one part time typist. One of the current ADA’s position would be reduced from four days a week to two days a week. The proposed changes would result in a significant increase to his budget. The traffic diversion program can offset some of these costs, but not the majority of the proposed increased.

Public Defender Awad went over his budget, much of which is covered by ILS grant money. Mileage costs are increased due to the State mandate for coverage at all arraignments, so some money was moved around to cover this. A meeting is scheduled for August 15 to work on the year two ILS grant budget. If the budget is approved by the State, they’ll be able to meet the requirement to have public defenders at CAP court for arraignments. He would hire two part time public defenders to cover these arraignments. He’s received the numbers from IT for County PCs and phone integration. The year two proposal will change his budget by an additional $154,000.

**Minutes** - On motion of Legislator Sullivan, seconded by Legislator Mullen the Minutes of the July 9, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved by those present.

**Financial** - Year to Date Budget Report – No change.

**2020 Law Budget** - No change from previous year except for fringe and projected increases to salaries. Roemer outside counsel for personnel matters is monthly charge. Trying to be frugal in the use of Coughlin & Gerhart outside counsel.

**2020 Safety Budget –** Slight decrease in salary because of hiring of new safety officer. Hearing test costs will be handled by DPW.

**PFOS-** DEC general counsel contacted Attorney DeWind as an FYI that the State is looking at sources of ground base contamination from PFOS, which are in fire suppression foam.

**Conflict Attorney** – This is working well and has enabled the County Attorney’s involvement in the conflict cases to trail off a bit, freeing him up for other needed work.

Meeting ended at 11:15 a.m.