

LEGAL/SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES – March 9, 2021

PRESENT: Legislators Sauerbrey, Balliet, Standinger, Hollenbeck, Monell, Mullen, Roberts and Sullivan, County Attorney Peter DeWind, Treasurer Jim McFadden, Stephanie Jerzak

Meeting convened at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes - On motion of Legislator Roberts, seconded by Legislator Mullen and unanimously carried the minutes from the February 2021 meeting were approved.

YTD budget - Financials are tracking well for both Legal and Safety.

New Business:

- **Safety Officer** Update on getting the office up to speed including budget tools. Thanks to DPW for all their help with outfitting her office space. Alcohol and drug testing programs and driver training budget reviews are in process.
- **Title VI Civil Right updates** Put together a group to review our current Title VI civil rights and discrimination policy. This was last updated by resolution in 2018 and was approved by the DOT. We are finding there may be need to be some clarifications on who will carry out what ongoing responsibilities. Any updates to the policy will be brought back for Legislative approval.
- **Resource Allocation** County Attorney explained that he spent approximately ¼ of his time on juvenile and family court matters. Trials in particular tend to take up a fair amount of time. Previously there was a part time attorney handling the JDs freeing up more Attorney time. Brief discussion was had on options for the office's structure for future consideration.
- **Covid** Orders continue including restrictions on evictions and foreclosures. Travel restrictions are in flux. Although the Legislature put limits on executive emergency orders this is mostly procedural and we do not yet know which orders will be extended or allowed to sunset.
- **Claims** Update on State Opioid suits moving forward and State AG settlement with a party which had provided consulting services to manufacturers and distributors.