

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2010

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD MEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM
4311 JACKSON STREET, OSHKOSH

PRESENT: HARVEY RENGSTORF
BILL WINGREN
TOM ELLIS
BILL ROH
PAUL EISEN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CHERILYN EISCHEN – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MARK HABECK – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BILL TEDLIE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PATTY FRANCOUR – INFORMATION SYSTEMS
DAVID ALBRECHT – COUNTY BOARD
CHUCK FARREY – COUNTY BOARD
JERRY FINCH – COUNTY BOARD
ALFRED JACOBSON – COUNTY BOARD
ANN MARSHALL – WINNEBAGO COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
KATHY PROPP – WINNEBAGO COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

Chairman Harvey Rengstorf called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

******Please note that the numbering of agenda items in these minutes is different than the numbering on the agenda as there was an error in numbering on the agenda******

1. Approve the minutes from November 29, 2010

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Bill Wingren. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

2. Communications

Paul Eisen advised that the size of the Winnebago County Board of Commissioners was an agenda item for the Town of Menasha meeting on 12/13/10 at 6:00 p.m.

Harvey Rengstorf advised that he received communication from Corporation Counsel John Bodnar requesting that the retention of information in regards to State Statute of 19.33 be placed on the next meeting agenda.

3. Input on agenda items by public

Kathy Propp of the Winnebago County League of Women Voters advised that they would support the redistricting timeline that is on the agenda as long as the Judiciary Committee does

not endorse a board size resolution at the January 10, 2011 meeting. They request that the committee postpone action until the February 14, 2011 meeting. They will be holding a public forum on January 31, 2011 on the topic of County Board size and committee structure.

Alfred Jacobson advised he had gone through the handbook and there are 12 committees that are represented by supervisors. 12 committees x 5 supervisors per committee equals 60 supervisors. According to the handbook there are also 49 or 50 supervisors that are appointed to different boards and commissions. $60 + 50 = 110 \div 5$ equals approximately 24 supervisors being needed.

Jerry Finch is concerned with the lack of rural representation if the number of supervisors is reduced. Other counties have lowered their numbers and are now in the process of increasing those numbers.

Due to the amount of discussion occurring on this matter, the meeting was moved to Agenda Item 6 – Discussion/Approval tentative schedule for sizing and redistricting of County Board. Please see Item 6 for more information.

4. Budget transfer for CAD Mobil Computer Software Upgrade – Sheriff

Cherilyn Eischen discussed the packet that was given to the committee members regarding the CAD and MDC upgrade. The current software will reach its end of life in December 2011 so there will no longer be any support from the vendor or any firewalls for protection. This is a FoxComm project so the cost of the upgrade is shared by three counties. Winnebago County's share is \$712,150. They are asking for a budget transfer of \$525,000 from Information Systems budget to the Sheriff's budget to cover some of this cost. The remainder of the money needed will come from the Capital Improvement Plan.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$525,000 from Information Systems to the Sheriff's Office was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

5. Discussion/Approval County Ordinance

Create Section 9.32: "Synthetic Cannabis Prohibited" – Sheriff

John Matz advised that Synthetic Cannabis is being sold in several convenience stores and tattoo parlors along with some other businesses. Synthetic cannabis is similar to marijuana, but it does have the ingredient THC; it sprayed with other chemicals. The City of Oshkosh and City of Neenah have already passed ordinances regarding this matter. The DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) has banned the active chemical in the synthetic cannabis.

A motion to approve the Synthetic Cannabis Prohibited Ordinance was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

6. Discussion/Approval tentative schedule for sizing and redistricting County Board

There was earlier discussion that it was mandatory that the board must be reduced by one. Bill Roh did not have this same understanding and found nothing indicating that they had to reduce the number by one. His understanding is that the number can be reduced if needed every 10 years.

Paul Eisen handed out copies of the tentative schedule he developed that coincides with the dates of upcoming Judiciary and Public Safety Committee Meetings and County Board Meetings. A motion to accept the tentative schedule developed by Paul Eisen was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Bill Roh. Motion carried 4-1 with Tom Ellis being opposed.

7. Sheriff's Report

John Matz advised that GeoComms is currently studying what the cost will be and what is entailed by the mandate to narrow band their frequencies by January 2013. Some options available are:

To upgrade the VHF Conventional System they currently have; however there are no more frequencies available. They will only have their frequencies which are getting crowded. Officers have been injured and could not call out on the radio due to amount of radio traffic that was occurring.

Go with a VHF Trunking System which allows the ability to create talk groups, but again, there are no new frequencies available. VHF also does not have the building penetration that they are looking for. VHF also requires that antennas be placed on towers.

700 MHz Trunk System would allow for a lot more frequencies to be used. This type of system will require additional antennas, but towers would not be needed.

Additionally, regarding VHF, the FCC put out a mandate that sometime between 2018 – 2020 a second narrow banding will need to be done requiring that the amount of frequencies be reduced again. It would not be cost effective to go with a VHF system as building new towers would be required and just one tower costs approximately \$500,000.

They are waiting for GeoComms final report to make a decision. This too is a FoxComm Project where the costs will be shared by three counties.

8. Items for next agenda

Retention of Information – State Statute 19.33

9. Future meeting date

January 10, 2010 9:00 a.m.

10. Judiciary Committee report to County Jail for Annual Inspection Tour

The committee adjourned at Noon to begin their annual inspection tour of the jail.

11. Adjournment

The inspection tour of the jail concluded at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office