

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: FEBRUARY 15, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: HARVEY RENGSTORF
LAWRENCE SMITH
TOM ELLIS
DONALD GRIESBACH

EXCUSED: BILL WINGREN

ALSO PRESENT: KATHLEEN DIEDRICH – CHILD SUPPORT
BARB ENGELMAN – CHILD SUPPORT
JUDY STECKBAUER – VETERANS
JULIE PAGEL – REGISTER OF DEEDS
DIANE FREMGEN – CLERK OF COURTS
SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
BILL TEDLIE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN
LARRY LAST – PUBLIC/TOWN OF NEKIMI
DEBRA LAST – PUBLIC/TOWN OF NEKIMI

Chairman Harvey Rengstorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. **Approve minutes from the January 28, 2010 meeting**
A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lawrence Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.
2. **Communications**
Harvey Rengstorf advised that Bill Wingren was excused from the meeting.
3. **Input on agenda items by public**
None.
4. **Resolution for budget transfer/2009 overage – Child Support**
Kathleen Diedrich advised this was due to a miscalculation in the 2009 employee fringe benefits. A budget transfer of \$6,950 is needed and they will receive 66% of the money back from the State.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$6,950 was made by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Lawrence Smith. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

5. Resolution for budget carryover – Veteran’s Department

Judy Steckbauer advised that they had a surplus of \$1,733 in their Veteran’s Service Commission (emergency relief fund) and they would like to carry this money over into their 2010 budget.

A motion to approve the carryover of \$1,733 into the 2010 budget was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Donald Griesbach. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

6. Resolution for budget transfer/2009 overage – Register of Deeds

Julie Pagel advised this budget transfer of \$18,352 is needed due to the retirement of an employee and higher than expected charges from Fidlar. Normally they offset the Fidlar costs from revenue received by casual users of the Tapestry program where the user can look up their deed information. Tapestry use is down due to the slow real estate market.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$18,352 was made by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

7. Update on voting equipment – County Clerk

Sue Ertmer advised that they have been trying to get new voting equipment for the last 5-6 years to replace their optical scan equipment which was purchased back in 1995. They have been waiting for an updated product to come from Premiere but Premiere has now been purchased by a new company, Election Systems & Software (ES&S), and they have stopped doing the upgraded piece of equipment. Due to this, they have lost the option to purchase anything that could replace what they currently have and work with their software for voting accumulation and other software at the County level.

The only option available now is to purchase refurbished equipment that was manufactured in 2000 and is similar to what they currently have. Many of them were used for demonstrations and some were used in other parts of the country and will have a one-year warranty. The main difference between the 2000 models and the 1995 models is the reader head technology. The cost is \$1,500 per machine plus \$150 for shipping versus \$7,200 per machine had new machines been manufactured and purchased. She would like to purchase two of the refurbished pieces of equipment and she has received confirmation from the State that the refurbished equipment meets the same standards as approved by the former Elections Board in April 2006.

Most of the municipalities in the County are going ahead and either replacing all of their equipment or are only purchasing a few. She had budgeted over \$400,000 as a fund in the event municipalities would have needed to borrow money to purchase the new \$7,200 equipment, but because new equipment is not being manufactured, this money can now go back into the coffers. She already has \$7,500 in her budget that was going to be used for the new equipment so she has plenty to cover the cost of the two refurbished pieces of equipment.

8. Pay adjustment for Clerk of Courts Office

Members of the committee had requested Diane Fremgen to come to this meeting to discuss the reasons why her Chief Deputy did not receive a pay adjustment as Diane had requested. Donald Griesbach said that they didn’t understand why this was voted against as the committee had approved it at an earlier meeting. Donald Griesbach is very upset

with union making more than management as there is no incentive to take these positions and many people already in the positions leave to go to other agencies offering more money.

Diane explained that she was a little disturbed as to the direction the County Board was talking stating that they believe that union people should make more money. This philosophy makes finding people to fill supervisory positions even more difficult. It is already difficult trying to motivate union employees to want to do extra, learn more, and be a greater asset to management without this philosophy. There is nothing to offer employees to make them even want a supervisory/management position.

Her Chief Deputy receives a salary and worked an average of 50 hours a week in 2009. Union employees are hourly so anything worked over 37.5 hours, they receive their hourly rate up to 40 hours and get overtime for anything over 40 hours. Right now all wages are frozen and unions have not settled their contract. Her thought is to wait now until contracts are settled and discuss this issue again.

9. Resolution for budget transfer/2009 overage – Sheriff's Office

Barb Spanbauer explained that this budget transfer of \$127,100 is needed due to an overage in overtime and travel for training. The majority of the overtime came from Dispatch being short staffed and the training required for newly hired dispatchers. They drew from other areas of their budget to cover this shortage.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$127,100 was made by Lawrence Smith, seconded by Donald Griesbach. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

10. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Brooks was not available due to illness.

11. Items for next agenda

Grants – Sheriff's Office

12. Future meeting date

March 8, 2010 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:34 a.m. by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Lawrence Smith. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office