

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

DATE: APRIL 14, 2009

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  
BILL WINGREN  
TOM ELLIS  
DONALD GRIESBACH

ALSO PRESENT: MICHAEL BROOKS – SHERIFF  
BILL TEDLIE – SHERIFF  
DAVID ALBRECHT – COUNTY BOARD CHAIR  
JENNIFER WOLDT – NORTHWESTERN

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

**1. Approve the minutes from march 26, 2009**

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

**2. Communications**

Bill Wingren brought up an article in the Journal regarding “Job Search Toughens for Huber Inmates.” He gave a copy of this article to Sheriff Brooks who stated that Winnebago County is having the same problem.

Lawrence Smith handed out information on how an increased alcohol tax will benefit Wisconsin.

**3. Input on agenda items by public**

None.

**4. Resolution on alcohol tax to support law enforcement – Sheriff Brooks**

Lawrence Smith advised that Wisconsin is the third lowest State when it comes to the alcohol tax. He supports the increase in the beer tax, but also feels that there should be an increase on all alcohol. He stated that he checked with the County Board Association and they passed a resolution to support increasing the alcohol tax. He would like the committee to ask our County Board to support the County Board Association's alcohol tax increase. Bill Wingren stated that this would need to go before the Legislative Committee and he made a motion to table the information handed out by Lawrence Smith due to comments he felt were inappropriate. There was no second to this motion.

Sheriff Brooks was asked if he wanted to draft a resolution to increase the alcohol tax to bring forward to the Legislative Committee. Sheriff Brooks declined stating that he does not feel that this type of resolution should come from a Sheriff as this is a revenue tax issue that does not fall under a Sheriff. He does believe that drinking is a problem in Wisconsin and he believes that something needs to be done, but he does not believe that this tax increase will have an impact on the drinking. He is all in favor of anything that can be done to stop the carnage that is being seen on our highways and is in favor of any type of money that can be obtained to help prevent this issue. If something were to be placed in the resolution that would guarantee that the money would come back to law enforcement efforts, District Attorneys, and Human Services, he would be all in favor of drafting the resolution, but the way it stands now, it is strictly a revenue issue only.

Lawrence Smith made a motion to move this forward to the Legislative Committee. There was no second to the motion.

#### **5. Update on Day Reporting – Sheriff Brooks**

Sheriff Brooks advised that they are entering their 13<sup>th</sup> month of Day Reporting. It took a while to get on track as far as what their expectations were and developing a process to identify individuals that would be appropriate for Day Reporting. They are averaging about 53 people per week on Day Reporting, and of that 53, about 37-38 on average come out of the courts. Sheriff Brooks will speak with the judges prior to the next Safe Streets Meeting to start working on how effective this program is and whether or not they want to increase the number of individuals which will have an impact on the cost. The Sheriff's Office has seen some benefits from the beginning as they have been able to move people out of the jail and onto Day Reporting.

#### **6. Closed Session**

Lawrence Smith made a motion at 9:27 a.m. to go into Closed Session. The presiding officer of the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee will receive a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to exemption provided in section 19.85 (1) (c), Wis. Stats., for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body had jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The motion was seconded by Donald Griesbach. Roll call was then taken by Chairman Harvey Rengstorf and present were: Lawrence Smith, Bill Wingren, Tom Ellis, Donald Griesbach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

#### **7. Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Brooks advised that his office received a report of a purse, a coat, and some bones being found by Ecklund Marina. Individuals who were working on the power lines found these items. The Wisconsin Crime Lab responded to the scene and determined that the bones were from a deer. Detectives are trying to track down the owner of the purse that was found.

Sheriff Brooks also advised that he has joined with Outagamie County in a RFP (Request For Proposal) for joint food service. The proposals were due back April 15, 2009.

The Sheriff's Office purchased video cameras for the squads by using the money saved in contracts and other areas. The goal is to have a video camera in each squad. These cameras were purchased in an effort to save overtime costs and OWI and court time has increased in

many different areas. By using these video cameras, many individuals opt not to go to court, which saves overtime costs by not having officers needing to appear in court.

The jail currently has 32 State inmates and four inmates from Calumet County.

**8. Return to Open Session**

A motion to return to open session was made at 10:04 a.m. by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Lawrence Smith. Roll call was then taken by Chairman Harvey Rengstorf and present were: Lawrence Smith, Bill Wingren, Tom Ellis, Donald Griesbach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**9. Items for next agenda**

None.

**10. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:14 a.m. by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NEXT MEETING:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 11, 2009</b> <b>9:00 A.M.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Richard Meyer Community Resource Room</p>
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Respectfully submitted:

Sandy Schauz  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office