

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 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: DIANE FREMGEN – CLERK OF COURTS
ROBERT STONE – VETERANS
MICHAEL BROOKS – SHERIFF
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF
JENNIFER WOLDT – NORTHWESTERN

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

1. Approve minutes from the October 5, 2009 meeting

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

2. Communications

Harvey Rengstorf received a letter from Supervisor Paul Eisen indicating that the committee should look at Rule 6.4 and contact him if they have any questions. (See agenda item #6)

3. Input on agenda items by public

None.

4. Budget Transfer/Fringe Benefits – Clerk of Courts

Diane Fremgen requested a budget transfer of \$30,000 from the Contingency Fund to cover a shortage in Fringe Benefits. She is not sure why there is such a difference, but believes part of it is due to paying unemployment to a previous employee and also due to some employees now taking out insurance, who didn't have insurance before, due to their spouse losing a job.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$30,000 was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Donald Griesbach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

5. Resolution for upgrade use of Veteran van – Veterans

Robert Stone advised that they have a significant number of transports they do to get veterans to appointments at VA medical facilities. Transportation is provided primarily by use of the DAV van. The DAV van is purchased by the DAV, deeded to the US Dept of Veteran Affairs Medical

Facility, and the medical facility runs the program and provides the insurance, gas and maintenance. Our Veterans Office provides the volunteer drivers.

There are two-(2) medical facilities the veterans are transported to; one in Appleton and one in Milwaukee. The problem comes in when their van is going to Milwaukee and there are also veterans who need to be transported to Appleton. There is also a DAV van at the clinic in Appleton; however, for some reason it was decided that Winnebago County veterans can not ride in the Outagamie/Appleton van. The Appleton van will travel through Winnebago County with empty seats and will not transport Winnebago County veterans. Winnebago ends up having to cancel and re-schedule appointments to Milwaukee or hire an extra vehicle to get veterans to their Compensation/Pension Exam which is extremely important and typically takes 6-months or more to get an appointment. They do have a provision in their budget where they can pay mileage to volunteer driver's to do these transports.

He was not asking the committee for any official action or actual resolution, but wanted to make them aware of what he is proposing and hoping to get their support. Some of the things in his proposal are:

- Letters to participants to meet in a central collection point as much as possible
- Appleton has a person coordinating these appointments and Winnebago has a person coordinating appointments. He is proposing that these two positions be consolidated into one.
- Letters to the drivers explaining the proposal and how it will affect them
- Proposal would become effective April 1, 2010 if approved

He has met with the County Executive and has given him copies of the letters and made him aware of the proposal. He has also met with the Veteran Service Commission and the proposal has been faxed to the Commander of the DAV. He will wait for a response back and then move forward as he can.

A motion to support the proposed action to become effective April 1, 2010 was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Lawrence Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

6. Resolution for revision of County Rules

Harvey Rengstorf had forwarded a copy of Supervisor Eisen's letter regarding Rule 6.4 to the other committee members along with a note as to what he thought the change should be.

Rule 6.4 currently reads:

"Public comments will be heard by the Board at the appropriate time in the Agenda, but in any case shall begin no earlier than 15 minutes after the Call to Order and no later than 60 minutes after the Call to Order."

The proposed change to Rule 6.4 is as follows:

"Public comments will be heard by the Board at the appropriate time in the agenda. The Chair may set a time limit on speakers when necessary."

A motion to move the proposed change forward was made by Lawrence Smith, seconded by Bill Wingren. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

7. Resolution to address electronic transmission fee – Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brooks advised that a resolution was no longer needed as Corporation Counsel had advised that changes to the County Rules was not required and that the matter would be covered under County Ordinance. The concern of the Sheriff's Office was that under the budget, the Public Defender's Office would no longer have to pay more than \$5.00 for any electronic transmissions regardless of the cost to compile the information.

8. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Brooks advised they have started moving forward with the hiring process for the two proposed positions passed in his budget; a Dispatcher and an Evidence Property Coordinator to hopefully begin in January 2010.

Captain Matz, who was deployed to Iraq, was home for about 2-weeks in October. Captain Matz's son, along with Officer Zachary Zuehlsdorf, were all deployed to Iraq and it is anticipated that they will be home sometime in January 2010. They have been running a jail while in Iraq.

Sheriff Brooks is writing a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding the barricades on Hwy 41 southbound bridge. He advised that by contract, the barricades need to stay there if any work is done within a 5-year period, whether work is done everyday or not. His concern with the barricades remaining during the winters months when no work is being done is that when they need to start plowing snow, it will be blown into the air and create the same problems in the northbound lanes at the north end of the bridge as they will have in the southbound lanes. It will take only one car accident and the entire Hwy 41 bridge will be shutdown southbound. His letter is asking that the barricades be removed and that some type of temporary barricade be placed at that location on the occasional days they will actually be working on the highway.

Sheriff Brooks thanked the committee for all of the input and support he has received from the committee throughout his term as Sheriff and advised that the Chief Deputy and Captains will be getting more involved in the budget process.

9. Items for next agenda

- Regional Jail
- Resolution regarding radio system
- Jail Tour

10. Future meeting date

November 16, 2009 9:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:47 a.m. by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office