

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

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: BILL WINGREN  
TOM ELLIS  
PAUL EISEN  
LARRY SMITH  
BILL ROH

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF  
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF  
MARK HABECK – SHERIFF  
PATTY FRANCOUR – INFORMATION SYSTEMS  
KAREN SEIFERT – CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH IV  
MELISSA SCHNYDER – CLERK OF COURTS  
MICHAEL NORTON – COUNTY BOARD  
GUY HEGG – COUNTY BOARD

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Bill Wingren called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

**2. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2014 meeting**

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

**3. Public comments on agenda items**

Michael Norton asked if the rules proposed by Larry Smith regarding the use of tablets by the County Board was going to be on a future agenda and he was advised that it would be.

**4. Communications**

None.

**5. Discussion/Action: Accept \$5000.00 Grant from Homeland Security to purchase Ballistic Shield – Sheriff's Office – John Matz**

Sheriff Matz advised that the purchase of a ballistic shield is part of the Regional/Tactical Team and it will also be used by other counties in the area.

A motion to approve acceptance of the \$5000.00 Homeland Security Grant to purchase a ballistic shield was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**6. Discussion/Action: Take action on the 911 phone upgrade – Sheriff's Office – John Matz**

Patty Francour advised that this is only for phones serving 911 calls which would be in the Communications Center. The system is entirely separate from the phones for the rest of the county. The current 911 system is reaching its end of life cycle and separating the phones systems allows for a cost savings. The estimated cost is \$204,000.00. The new system is "text ready" but does not have texting built in as a feature because Wisconsin has not yet developed any type of standardization.

A motion to approve the 911 phone upgrade was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**7. Review/Possible action: Courthouse Security Measures – Courthouse Security – John Matz**

Bill Wingren explained that this was actually a committee item and should not have indicated Sheriff Matz. He explained that discussions regarding Courthouse Security have been taking place since 1998 and they really need to begin moving forward. Bill Roh drafted a resolution that is a compromise between all of the plans that have been looked at for the committee's consideration. This resolution covers only Courthouse Security and not the other things that are needed such as heating/air-conditioning, windows etc. and which departments will be moved to other areas.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Larry Smith to forward to the County Board that work begins on the welcome center and courthouse security in 2015 and to adopt this draft resolution. The motion was seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**8. Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Matz handed out statistical numbers for the Lake Winnebago Area Meg Unit (LWAM) in 2014. Arrests were down slightly from 2013, but the most concerning statistic was the number of Meth labs that have been found in Winnebago County. 20 labs were found in Winnebago County which accounts for over 50% of the labs in the entire state. These statistics do not include what all of the other individual agencies would have done.

The Sheriff's Office has had four-(4) successful Len Bias convictions and they have another case pending in Federal Court.

The body scanner for the jail will be installed on 01/13/15. They are now in the process of developing policy, procedures and training. They will give the committee a demonstration when everything has been completed.

The number of individuals in the jail as leveled off at 296.

The Sheriff's Office held a recognition ceremony for newly hired officers, promotions and the retirement of their K9 Ennos and his handler. Ennos seized \$196,000 in assets in one-(1) year.

Sheriff Matz also held meetings with all employees to discuss his plans for his next term as Sheriff and all officers were deputized for the new term. He also discussed the turn-over in employees for various reasons during his last term. Most of it was due to Act 10.

Sheriff Matz also addressed questions regarding his budget.

**9. Suggested items for next agenda**

Use of tablets by the County Board  
Potential rules changes

**10. Next Meeting Date**

February 9, 2015

**11. Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:16 a.m. by Tom Ellis, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office