

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

DATE: MARCH 11, 2013

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  
BILL ROH  
PAUL EISEN  
LARRY SMITH

ALSO PRESENT: JULIE PAGEL – REGISTIER OF DEEDS  
MELISSA KONRAD – CLERK OF COURTS  
BARRY BUSBY – CORONER  
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
JOHN BODNAR – CORPORATIN COUNSEL  
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

**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. Approve minutes from the February 11, 2013 meeting**

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

**3. Public comments on agenda items**

None.

**4. Communications**

None.

**5. Discussion/Possible action on supporting Mandatory Recording of Mortgage Assignments – Julie Pagel/Register of Deeds**

Julie Pagel advised that her Association met with several legislators regarding their efforts in getting a bill enacted that would require mandatory reporting of mortgage assignments. This has been prompted by MERS (Mortgage Electronic Registration System) being sued all over the country regarding fraudulent assignments. She handed out paperwork with information regarding MERS, information on the current law regarding recording of mortgage assignments, and a draft copy of a

resolution asking that State Statute 706.05 be amended to require mandatory recording of mortgage assignment. She asked the committee to support this resolution which will be presented to both the Legislative Committee and the County Board.

A motion to support this resolution being taken before the Legislative Committee was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**6. Discussion/Possible action on Hearing Loop Equipment for Branch 3 – Melissa Konrad/Clerk of Courts**

Melissa Konrad advised that the Hearing Loop Equipment in Circuit Court Branch III is barely operational and needs to be replaced. The cost is \$3,600 which she did not budget for so she will either need to use the money she has available in her “Equipment Repairs” which would deplete that account or she needs a budget transfer from the General Fund to cover this cost.

A motion to approve a budget transfer of \$3,600 from the General Fund was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

**7. Proposal for changing rules regarding Publication of Summonses – Supervisor Smith**

Larry Smith advised that State Statute requires that if a person can not be personally served, a publication must be made in a newspaper covering the area of that person’s last known address/location. These publications can run into hundreds of dollars and readership of newspapers has been declining so many times no one even responds to the publication.

By having the Legislature change the ordinance 801.10(4)(b) to allow the option for Family Court Commissioners or Judges to publish this on a State Web Site would reduce the cost for the person incurring the costs, cut down on the amount of time spent by the Courts having to go all the way through the process of setting up these cases, and save the Courts money if the person was given a waiver for the costs.

A motion to approve forwarding his outline for publication options to the Legislative Committee was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Paul Eisen also suggested that this be sent to the Judiciary and Public Safety Steering Committee so other counties will know what Winnebago County is attempting to do in an effort to get WCA (Wisconsin Counties Association) support.

**8. Discussion/Possible action for Disposal of Unclaimed Bodies for Cremation**

After a lengthy discussion regarding some elements of the ordinance, it was determined that the word “unknown” will be removed from Line 23 and Line 24, Section 5.08 added by Paul Eisen will be kept, and \$900 would be changed to \$500 on Line 39.

A motion to approve forwarding this ordinance with the above indicated changes to the County Board was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

## **9. Sheriff's Report**

Bill Wingren asked about a claim by a jail inmate regarding lost property. Sheriff Matz explained this particular incident to the committee. He also discussed some other types of lost property claims that have been made and the reason/outcomes of those claims.

The Sheriff's Office had a successful snow patrol outing. Deputies used their own personal snowmobiles to do the patrol. Time was spent on the trails and some stops and warnings were issued. The patrol was very well received by the public as they were thankful to see patrol out due to some of the issues that have been occurring on the trails. They are looking into leasing some snowmobiles for next year.

Sheriff Matz advised that he received questions regarding the \$15,000 start up money for the 24/7 Program. He was not able to advise how much of this \$15,000 was actually spent at this time, but he will get that information to the committee. He did advise that all of it was rolled back into the budget in 2011.

The Sheriff's Office is looking into using propane or compressed natural gas in their squads. It is roughly estimated at this time that about \$11,300 will be saved over the life span of 3 years for each squad by using propane. The Highway Department is looking into the costs associated with using compressed natural gas. They are working together to come up with comparables and what the best option would be. Sheriff Matz will provide more information as it is received.

Omro PD, Winneconne PD, and Winnebago County have moved to the new radio system with no issues. The Oshkosh PD was moved to the new system on 03/07/13. The Neenah PD, Menasha PD and Town of Menasha PD will go the new system sometime this week. Oshkosh Fire is set to go on the system April 1, 2013.

## **10. Suggested items for next agenda**

None.

## **11. Next meeting date**

April 8, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

## **12. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:04 a.m. by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office