

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: APRIL 8, 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: THOMAS WIDENER – COUNTY BOARD
BARRY BUSBY – CORONER
ROBERT STONE – VETERAN'S OFFICE
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MARY SEAMAN – UW-OSHKOSH
DAVID DILKES – UW- OSHKOSH
THOMAS DONOVAN – CATHOLIC CEMETARIES
JIM BESON – RESIDENT
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 March 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

Resident Jim Beson advised he was present in regards to the Ice Noise Ordinance. Please see agenda item # 8 for more information.

4. Communications

Bill Roh talked about an article in the Post Crescent regarding Outagamie County closing their Juvenile Detention Center. See agenda item #9 for more information.

5. Discussion on Human Trafficking – Supervisor Widener

Supervisor Widener talked about several incidents in other states that that have occurred where young children were abducted and forced into prostitution and slavery. Due to the fact that we are on an Interstate, he believes it would be easy for this to become a problem here and advised that

Homeland Security does offer free training on how to identify these types of situations. Paul Eisen had information regarding juvenile runaway statistics and how human trafficking is profitable.

Sheriff Matz advised that his Detectives had just recently attended training regarding human trafficking and that he is in the process of making arrangements with the trainer of this class to train all of his law enforcement personnel.

6. Discussion/Possible action on disposal of unclaimed bodies for cremation – Barry Busby

Barry Busby advised that he heard from several entities regarding this matter after an article was published in the Oshkosh Northwestern. He handed out copies of letters he had received from Catholic Cemeteries of Oshkosh, Inc. and UW-Oshkosh and representatives from each was present. Three possible options presented were:

1. Thomas Donovan from Catholic Cemeteries of Oshkosh, Inc. advised that they would make burial spaces available for unclaimed bodies at no cost to the County. Green burial and excavating costs was also discussed.
2. Mary Seaman and David Dilkes of UW-Oshkosh advised that the university would be interested in taking one or two unclaimed bodies per year to use as educational tools in their Human Anatomy course which is taken by nursing, athletic training, and physical education students etc. Respect to the cadavers is shown by having their faces covered, no photography is allowed, students must be supervised, and the students are reminded that the cadaver is someone's family member. UW-Oshkosh would take care of the embalming costs and cremations costs when the cadavers can no longer be used.
3. Barry also advised that he was contacted by the Fox Valley Technical College who is in the process of putting together a body farm for the forensic study of cadavers.

These options were presented for informational purposes only at this time and no action will be taken until they can be addressed with the Attorney General and Corporation Counsel.

A motion was made by Larry Smith to move forward with the ordinance as it was prepared and presented earlier and have any other options addressed at a later time, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion/Possible action on CVSO Resolution Tax Program – Robert Stone

Robert Stone discussed the steps required in order for a Vet to be reimbursed for their property taxes. His resolution would eliminate one step of the process which would save a lot of time. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made by Paul Eisen to forward this resolution to the Legislative Committee. No second to the motion was made.

After continued discussion, another motion was made by Bill Roh to approve the resolution and forward it to the Legislative Committee, seconded by Larry Smith. Robert Stone then advised that he would not be prepared by the time the next Legislative Committee meets as this resolution was presented to the Judiciary for information purposes only and he wanted to present this resolution to the Veteran's Association first. If they don't approve it, there would be no point in his moving forward. Therefore, the motion and second that was made was withdrawn.

8. Update on Ice Noise Ordinance

Jim Beson lives on the north shore of Lake Winnebago and advised that his experience since this ordinance was passed as been 100% positive. He has personally gone out and spoken to people on the ice and in most cases these people were unaware of the ordinance and most of them were very cooperative. He advised that there has been a complete turn around since last year and added that there have been absolutely no fires of any kind on the ice. The only thing he asked was if it was possible to get some type of portable signage that highlights the ordinance that he could put out. He tried printing some signs on his own but it didn't work too well and it would save him time having to talk with people on the ice.

9. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz advised that he just recently found out from Sheriff Gehring that Outagamie would be closing their Juvenile Detention Center. Prior to this he knew nothing about ending the contract for housing juveniles as the contract is with Social Services and not the Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Matz did not have input into how the contract was done and he contacted the County Executive with his concerns that wherever they were going to be housing their juveniles it needed to be local due to the cost of transportation. Juveniles will now be housed at Fond du Lac County.

Sheriff Matz addressed two-(2) questions he received from Paul Eisen regarding the Oshkosh Northwestern on-line crime gallery that features individuals recently charged with felonies and a matter that was brought to the attention of the Town of Menasha Board regarding a reverse 911 system that is available for sign-up.

1. In regards to the Oshkosh Northwestern, Sheriff Matz explained that this information, along with the booking photo, is provided to the Oshkosh Northwestern through Open Records. Jennifer Woldt explained how this came about and how she obtains and requests the information. Larry Smith had concerns about this information remaining on the site if the charges are dropped or the person is found innocent after going to trial. He made the request to Jennifer Woldt that the media pull this information in the event that the individual is not convicted or charges are dropped. Jennifer Woldt will address this request with her supervisors.
2. In regards to the Reverse 911, Sheriff Matz explained that this is available on the Sheriff's Office web site, the Emergency Management web site, and Winnebago County's web site. There is a registration area for MyState, which is a type of Reverse 911 that allows notification to a particular geographical area to those individuals who have registered their phones into that area. Hard line phones are automatically registered; just cell phones need to be registered. This information is given at all board meetings and fire department meetings that his deputies attend.

All law enforcement agencies are now on the new radio system using both portables and mobiles. There are still some installs that need to be done. The Oshkosh Fire Department will be the first fire agency to go on the new system and they will pick up their radios this week. All other fire agencies will be done in a short timeframe; the exact date is not known.

Paul Eisen advised that he heard that Captain Habeck had been reassigned and replacing Captain Eischen. Sheriff Matz explained that Captain Habeck will be assuming Captain Eischen's role upon her retirement in July. He is just training with Captain Eischen at this time.

The number of inmates in the jail has been averaging about 285 where they were in the 315 range last year which caused some concern. Sheriff Matz explained that the numbers are down in part to the utilization of the 24/7 Program and working with the District Attorney's Office in an effort to keep individuals out of the jail when appropriate while they are going through the court process. The numbers are good with no immediate concerns.

10. Suggested items for next agenda

None.

11. Next meeting date

May 13, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m.

12. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by 10:53 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