

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: **APRIL 9, 2012 – OPEN SESSION**

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: SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DAVID MACK – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MELISSA KONRAD – CLERK OF COURTS
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN
JIM BESON – RESIDENT
JACK COUILLARD – RESIDENT
DICK AND BONNIE McKENNY - RESIDENTS

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 12, 2012 meeting

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

3. Public comments on agenda items

Jim Beson of 1823 Brighton Beach Road in Menasha addressed the letter he had sent earlier to Supervisor Paul Eisen regarding problems with motor vehicles on the ice. He advised that Lake Winnebago is becoming the "place to go" to hold underage beer parties, drive carelessly, and to drive while intoxicated on the ice. The motor bikes are extremely loud and the driver's are estimated to be traveling at 60-75 miles per hour; then deliberately placing the vehicle into a spin. The same holds true for monster trucks being loud and holding parties on the ice. He would like to see some type of ordinance drafted that is similar to the one adopted by Calumet County with additions being made to address having a speed limit within so many feet of the shoreline and a maximum decibel level.

Jack Couillard of 1777 Brighton Beach Road and Dick McKenny of 1831 Brighton Beach Road in Menasha agree with the situation described by Jim Beson and would also like to have an ordinance drafted to address these issues. There is no regard for the safety of others on the ice who may be ice skating or doing other activities near the shoreline.

4. Communications

Bill Wingren received communication from Larry Smith regarding the Motorola equipment which will be discussed further under agenda item #6.

Paul Eisen mentioned an editorial that was in the Post Crescent Sunday edition regarding their opinion that it is time for an upgrade to electronic voting machines.

5. Discussion/Action on request for additional election expenses – Sue Ertmer, County Clerk

Sue Ertmer requested a budget transfer of \$117,400 to cover the anticipated expenses for the Governor Recall Elections to be held May 8 and June 5, 2012.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$117,400 was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

6. Report on Motorola equipment – Sheriff Matz and Larry Smith

Larry Smith had sent videos and slides to Bill Wingren regarding the demonstration he attended in Schaumburg, IL of the Motorola equipment (infrastructure) being purchased by the Sheriff's Office. He advised that all testing of the equipment passed. He was impressed with the capability of communications between units still continuing even if the main system were to fail.

Sheriff Matz advised that the infrastructure is currently being shipped to Green Bay. The Sheriff's Office still needs to build the tower. Both systems will then remain side-by-side and running for about 90 days until all bugs with the new system are worked out and then the old system will be shut down. They are hoping to start testing sometime in November.

7. Problems with motor vehicles on ice – Paul Eisen

Further discussion took place regarding the issues on Lake Winnebago with loud motor vehicles being operated on the ice in a reckless and intoxicated manner. In addition, Larry Smith would like to see a permit being required to have an open fire on the ice added to any ordinance drafted. Sheriff Matz supports having an ordinance drafted and will begin working with John Bodnar on a draft. The proposed ordinance will be similar to that of Calumet County's ordinance with additions being made to address: 1) The speed of vehicles being operated on the ice, 2) The distance that vehicles can be operated from the shoreline, 3) The decibel levels of the vehicles, and 4) A permit being required to have an open fire on the ice.

8. Ability to publish summons on Face Book

Larry Smith would like to see changes made where summonses could be posted on Face Book versus being published in the newspaper due to the fact that fewer people are reading newspapers and the cost can be expensive. With Face Book being so widely used, the hope is that even if the person named on the summons does not see the posting, someone who knows that person will see it and notify them. He will draft a proposal to be discussed at the next meeting.

9. Update on Safe Streets Initiative

Bill Wingren advised that he is very impressed with the various agencies that participate in this initiative and the alternatives to incarceration that are being used by Winnebago County. Sheriff Matz advised that they will be re-evaluating all of the programs currently being used to ensure that they are working effectively.

10. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz handed out copies of the 24/7 Program statistics. Due to an increase from the vendor, the fees for this program will increase to \$6.00 effective 04/15/12.

11. Closed Session

Chairman Bill Wingren made a motion at 10:14am to convene in closed session pursuant to 19.85(1)(d) Wisconsin Statutes, considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention, seconded by Bill Roh. Roll Call: Bill Wingren, Paul Eisen, Larry Smith, Bill Roh, Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

12. Return to Open Session

A motion to return to Open Session was made at 10:32am by Chairman Bill Wingren, seconded by Larry Smith. Roll Call: Bill Wingren, Paul Eisen, Larry Smith, Bill Roh, Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

13. Suggested items for next meeting

- Proposal to Legislature to allow a change in the publication formula for summonses
- Ice Ordinance
- Budget versus actual numbers from Sheriff's Office

14. Next meeting date

Tentatively May 14, 2012. Subject to change due a possible conflict.

15. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:36am by Tom Ellis, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office