

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

DATE: MAY 7, 2012

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

EXCUSED: BILL ROH

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF  
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF  
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF  
JOHN BODNAR – CORPORATION COUNSEL  
JACK COUILLARD – RESIDENT  
GENE SCHMITZ – RESIDENT  
JIM BESON – RESIDENT  
DONNA SCHULTZ – RESIDENT  
DICK MCKENNY – RESIDENT  
BONNE MCKENNY – RESIDENT  
PAM SCHOENECKER – RESIDENT

**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 the minutes from the April 9, 2012 meeting**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**3. Public Comments on agenda items**

Jim Beson – 1823 Brighton Beach Road. Very happy there is a draft proposal regarding motor vehicles on the lakes; however, some of the concerns expressed at the last Judiciary meeting were not addressed in this draft such as speed, noise and fires on the lake. He would like to see more added to the ordinance such as the maximum speed being 25MPH within 500ft. of the shoreline and a maximum limit of 96 decibels for engine noise.

Dick McKenny – 1831 Brighton Beach Road, Donna Schultz – 1813 Brighton Beach Road, Jack Couillard – 1777 Brighton Beach Road, and Pam Schoenecker – 1764 Brighton Beach Road are all in agreement with the proposal made by Jim Beson. In addition, Jack Couillard would also like to see the frequency specified regarding the decibel level and Pam Schoenecker expressed

her concerns with fires on the lake as people are actually burning pallets and mattresses. The residue left behind, such as mattress springs, then wash up on shore and are polluting the water.

#### **4. Communications**

Paul Eisen discussed an article in the Oshkosh Northwestern April 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the jail and an article in the Post Crescent April 29<sup>th</sup> regarding child abuse.

Paul Eisen also reported that he attended the dedication of WISCOM (Wisconsin Interoperable System for Communications) on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and also attending a public rights group meeting (ESTHER) on May 3<sup>rd</sup> where they gave a public introduction of the 11 by 15 Program which is an effort to reduce incarceration in Wisconsin Prisons.

Bill Wingren advised that Paul Eisen was selected as the Individual of the Year by the Town of Menasha.

#### **5. Discussion/Action on Ordinance for Motor Vehicles on Ice Bound Lakes – Sheriff Matz**

Sheriff Matz advised that he and Corporation Counsel John Bodnar discussed the open fires on the lakes and did not specifically address it in the draft ordinance as they can not absolutely say no fires on the lake as there is currently no permit process in place. If it was decided to go the route of permit process, decisions would then need to be made regarding the cost and who would handle the issuance of those permits.

There are also problems with how to give notice as to what the ordinance entails; posting signs at the boat landings would not notify all people of the ordinance. Many of the people are not from this area and they enter the lake from boat landings outside of Winnebago County. If deputies are called to a matter that warrants it, Disorderly Conduct citations could be written, but trying to cite someone under the ordinance, especially anyone from outside this area who is not aware of the ordinance, could be easily argued in court.

Jim Beson advised that they are not expecting citations to be written immediately. The residents will work with the Sheriff's Office by providing information to them such as plate numbers so the Sheriff's Office can contact the registered owner and advise them of the ordinance and give them a warning. The residents believe that most of the time it is the same individuals who are causing the problems and feel if they are notified and warned about the ordinance, it will help to eliminate some of the problems.

Larry Smith suggested a review of the requested changes be done and requested that copies of the new proposal be sent to the Fond du Lac County Sheriff and Calumet County Sheriff for consistency around the entire lake.

Paul Eisen echoed the concerns of the residents on Brighton Beach Road and gave a copy of his proposal for amendments to the ordinance as a matter record.

#### **6. Discussion/Action on Proposal to allow change in the publication formula for Summons – Supervisor Smith**

Discussion regarding the possibility of placing this information on Facebook took place. John Bodnar advised that he agrees with the reasons for the proposal, but did not agree with using Facebook as not everyone uses Facebook and those that do don't need to let you in if they don't want to. He suggested changing the law so a summons go be published on a web site that is set up by the State; however, you will still run into a problem with people who live out of state.

Larry Smith will make some changes to his proposal regarding the discussion that occurred and will then take it to the Legislative Committee.

**7. Discussion/Action on Resolution to Request the Winnebago County Sheriff to read the Declaration of Independence at the Courthouse on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2012**

Bill Wingren presented a resolution requesting the Sheriff to read the Declaration of Independence on the steps of the courthouse on July 4, 2012.

A motion to approve the resolution was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

**8. Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Matz passed out copies of the current status of his financials/budget. They are under budget now, but they have yet seen the figures for Country USA, Rock USA and EAA, the new squads have not yet come in, not all grant money has been received yet, and it also does not reflect the end of year reimbursement from Probation and Parole.

Delivery of the radio equipment is expected next week. The timeframe to begin testing is in October and there will be a 90 day cutover where both systems will be run side by side. They will be breaking ground within the next two week for the tower.

They are in the process of negotiating the new contract for food service in the jail and they will be reviewing the current alternatives to incarceration that are currently used to see how effective they have been and will look for other alternatives that are not currently used.

They held a press conference regarding the increase in the use of drugs and drugged driving which continues to be a concern.

**9. Suggested items for next meeting**

Revisions to Ordinance for Motor Vehicles on Ice Bound Lakes  
Revisions to proposal to allow change in the publication formula for summons

**10. Next meeting date**

June 11, 2012 9:00 a.m.

**11. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:13 a.m. by Tom Ellis, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz  
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office