

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JUNE 8, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY COURTHOUSE
415 JACKSON STREET, ROOM 500
OSHKOSH, WI

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

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ - SHERIFF
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF
JUDGE KAREN SEIFERT – BRANCH 4
MELISSA KONRAD – CLERK OF COURTS
WILLIAM ANTHES – SHERIFF
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MARK HARRIS – COUNTY EXECUTIVE
MICHAEL COLLARD – HUMAN RESOURCES
ROBERT KELLER – 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 May 11, 2015 meeting

A few minor changes were requested in the minutes.

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

3. Pubic comments on agenda items

None

4. Communications

Paul Eisen indicated a legal public notice was printed in the Oshkosh Northwestern on June 3rd announcing the Request for Proposal on the parking lot at the Sheriff's Office.

Bill Wingren invited and encouraged all members to attend the Declaration of Independence Ceremony on July 4th on the Courthouse steps.

Bill Wingren pointed out an article written in the Wisconsin County Magazine called “Call To Order The Rules of the Quorum” and stating the article talks about the respect people should have for each other views and encourages everyone to read the article.

5. Discussion – Prosecute or/not Prosecute – Criteria used to determine DA’s decision

Christian Gossett, Winnebago County District Attorney, spoke about the criteria used to determine whether to prosecute or not prosecute, specifically regarding an incident at a local massage parlor.

Specifics that go into the decision making include meeting the elements of the charge. He spoke about the Good Choices Program that is used to help keep first time offenders out of the jail system and focusing more on the biggest threats, one of those being the Heroin problem we have within the county.

6. Discuss Procedure/Timeline regarding County Board Rules

Committee members agreed there should be a discussion of the County Board Rules at a Special Orders meeting on September 1st with all supervisors of the County Board regarding any suggested or recommended changes to the rules.

The outcome of that meeting should then be brought back to the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee to review the discussion and suggestions for the rule change ideas from the Special Orders meeting.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Crime Analyst Position – Sheriff Office – John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the importance of the Crime Analyst position and provided examples of cases Mike Sewall has solved, or helped other states solve. The position is currently a part-time position that is shared between the Sheriff’s Office and the District Attorney’s Office.

The Sheriff’s Office would like the Crime Analyst position to become a full time position within the Sheriff’s Office. This was brought to the committee’s attention so they are aware that it will be brought forward at budget time.

8. Discussion: Merit Pay – Sheriff Office – John Matz

Sheriff Matz provided wage study materials to the committee members showing comparables to other counties in the area, based on population, for the Lieutenant, Captains and Chief Deputy positions. Sheriff Matz explained his idea for merit pay be implemented so those at the top of their pay scale can receive a raise, as these positions start at the top of the pay range and do not receive overtime pay. His concern is our employees leaving for a position of the same nature within another area agency who offer more pay. Sheriff would like something to be implemented now rather than waiting for the County wage study to be completed.

The committee suggested this be brought to the Personnel and Finance Committee’s attention.

9. Sheriff’s Report

Sheriff Matz explained the summer events starting up soon: Country USA, Rock USA and EAA.

10. Tunnel Tour for JPS Committee – Sheriff's Office

Tunnel Tour conducted by Lt. William Anthes

11. Suggested Items for Next Agenda

Security Study from the Human Services Building

12. Next Meeting Date:

July 13th, 2015

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:00a.m. by Bill Roh, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office