

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JULY 14, 2014

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
BILL ROH

ALSO PRESENT: JON BELLOWS – DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR
MELISSA KONRAD – CLERK OF COURTS
KATHLEEN DIEDRICH – CHILD SUPPORT
JULIE MABRY – CHILD SUPPORT
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
HAROLD SINGSTOCK – 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 June 9, 2014 meeting

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

3. Public comments on agenda items

Kathleen Diedrich commented on Agenda Item #6. Please see that agenda item for more information.

4. Communications

Paul Eisen attended the Wisconsin Counties Association Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting on July 11, 2014. The funding crisis in the State Court System, and the status/requirements for proceeding with the partnership with the National Institute of Corrections for the pilot project on treatment alternatives and diversion should Wisconsin be chosen was discussed. Two resolutions were recommended regarding supporting increased funding for Victim/Witness Coordinators and support for funding for 911 services and County Answering Points.

Paul Eisen further advised that he had spoken with Sheriff Matz prior to this meeting regarding revenue in two budget items. It was explained to him that one item was fees/forfeitures that the prisoner's provide and the other was from prisoner revenue from other jurisdictions such as the State.

Paul Eisen addressed a comment made at the last meeting regarding positions changes where Sheriff Matz mentioned changing Sergeant positions to Lieutenant positions due to the reluctance of officers wanting to take a Sergeant position. Paul advised that this is not an isolated situation; the Town of Menasha is dealing with the same issue.

Paul sent a communication to Sheriff Matz in respect to an article he read about Dane County receiving a 635 page report from consultants on the construction of a \$135,000,000.00 jail.

Bill Wingren publicly thanked Sheriff Matz for reading the Declaration of Independence at the Courthouse and Tom Mcinnis of Facilities for the wonderful job he did with setting up the equipment on his own time.

5. Discussion: Discuss Court Funding by the State – District Court Administrator Jon Bellows

Jon Bellows handed out a report documenting the Wisconsin Judicial Branch Funding Structure and explained the current budget crisis that the courts are currently having. Some of the issues discussed were that they receive less than 1% of the overall State budget to fund various positions. 70% of that can not be cut or altered in any way due to Statute requirements. The remaining 30% goes for salaries which they have some control over. The county support payment to counties has not been increased since 1999. Act 10 has also played a role in this situation and they will not be able meet the lapse requirement in this biennium. Some counties have adopted a resolution to oppose some of the requirements. He handed out a copy of one of those resolutions from another county. There has also been a five-(5) year decline in collections and revenues.

6. Discussion/possible action: Position request that will be funded by the State by the Child Support Agency – Melissa Konrad

Kathleen Diedrich advised that this position will be fully funded through the Child Support Agency. It is part of their goal to have a liaison between Child Support and the Clerk of Courts to scan files, handle family/paternity cases, and public assistance cases. This will show in the Clerk of Courts budget.

Melissa Konrad explained that she is requesting a Paternity position due to so many different staff members doing the paternity work and the files are kept in three-(3) different locations. Child Support has gone electronic and our county is not ready; they still need to get the old cases that are still on paper scanned electronically. The State will fund this position to get those cases electronic, but she is not confident that she has enough staff right now to become paperless.

7. General update on the Clerk of Courts Office – Melissa Konrad

Melissa Konrad advised they are almost done with going through all of their files at the Butler Building. She wants to complete this portion before she starts working with Mike Elder regarding when and where other things will be moved.

8. Discussion/possible action: Review of process used with all Departments for their budgets – Bill Wingren

Bill Wingren advised that there are 10 Department Heads whose budgets fall under their committee. He asked the committee for their thoughts as to how they wanted to proceed with hearing all budgets. It was decided that half of the budgets would be heard in August and the other half heard in September. Which budgets will be heard each month will be at the discretion of Chairman Bill Wingren.

9. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz passed around recognition plaques his office received from Polar Plunge for raising \$5,300 and Law Enforcement Agency of the Year for Special Olympics. His office was the 2nd largest for the money raised by law enforcement; they were only under Dane County by a few hundred dollars.

Chief Deputy Christopherson and Captain Mack participated in Men Who Cook for the Christine Ann Center.

They ran into a problem with the band Florida Georgia Line at Country USA where the band was calling people up onto the stage creating a large number of attendees making a mad dash up to the stage. He also discussed the number of arrests made throughout the event.

Rock USA starts Wednesday and this year is bringing in more current rock. In previous years, it was typically classic rock.

EAA begins the end of July.

FOX 11 News is doing a story on the Brown County Jail and what they charge for fees for being incarcerated in their jail. Sheriff Matz explained the fees that his office charges and advised that they no longer charge a booking fee.

10. Suggested items for next agenda

Court funding by the State

11. Next meeting date

August 11, 2014

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:12 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