

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 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: BARRY BUSBY – CORONER
JULIE PAGEL – REGISTER OF DEEDS
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GREG CIANCIOLO – SHERIFF'S OFFICE

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bill Wingren called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Approval of minutes of August 10, 2013

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

Bill Wingren wanted to remind everyone that Wednesday is the anniversary of 911 and it is appropriate for everyone to remember law enforcement and all other related agencies that help to keep our country safe. Paul Eisen added that this is listed as Patriot's Day.

4. Communications

Tom Ellis commented about the Sheriff's Office having one of their squads, two deputies and one of their police dogs at the Senior Center and how much everyone enjoyed the demonstration given.

Larry Smith commented on the good job he felt the Sheriff's Office was doing regarding the new billboards displaying wanted persons. More about these billboards will be discussed under the Sheriff's Report.

5. Presentation of 2014 Coroner's Budget – Barry Busby

Barry Busby advised that he presented two budgets to the County Executive and Finance. One of those budgets included increasing cremation fees and then using that money to change a part-time Deputy Coroner position to a full-time position. This budget was not approved.

His current budget includes an increase in per diem pay for the Deputy Coroners and an increase in mileage. He also advised that \$900 is missing from Registration/Tuition which he believes may have been an oversight and he will be looking into this.

Paul Eisen made a motion to support an increase in cremation fees to help cover the cost of changing a part-time Deputy Coroner position to a full-time position and to ask for an amendment to the budget at the County Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Larry Smith.

After a lengthy discussion on the matter, Paul Eisen then made a motion to postpone his original motion indefinitely and the motion was seconded by Larry Smith. Motion carried 4-1 with Bill Wingren being opposed. This matter will be discussed further at the County Board Meeting.

Barry further advised that there will be a meeting on October 15th at 8:00 a.m. at LaSure's Banquet Hall regarding the start of a Winnebago County Heroin Task Force.

6. Presentation of 2014 Register of Deed's Budget – Julie Pagel

Julie Pagel advised that her budget hasn't changed much from last year and reminded the committee that her Revenue fluctuates based on the current market.

2014 will be the last year that her office will be collecting the redaction fee. As of about a month ago they had records dating back to 1935 available online for customers. They are still going through both an automatic and manual redaction process.

7. Presentation of 2014 District Attorney's Budget – Christian Gossett

Christian Gossett advised that there are many changes in his budget due to the moving of accounts. In addition they have also added a Crime Analyst position where the cost is shared between his office and the Sheriff's Office and they have converted one Legal Secretary position to a Program Coordinator position and another Legal Secretary position to an Administrative Assistant position. He further advised that they have applied for a grant for risk assessment tools.

8. Presentation of 2014 Child Support Budget – Kathleen Diedrich

Unable to attend due to a conflict.

9. Discussion of the Treatment/Alternative Symposium

Chief Deputy Todd Christopherson and Captain Greg Cianciolo of the Sheriff's Office along with Paul Eisen attended the TAD (Treatment Alternatives & Diversion) Symposium held in Madison on 08/23/13. Historical review of the current crime rates were compared to the rates in the 1960's. Incarceration rates are still chronically high in part due to the truth in sentencing law, the three strikes law and others. Paul Eisen added that there will also be a national symposium held in Madison January 28-29, 2014.

TAD grants are available and they will be applying for a grant to create a TAD Coordinator Position which will be placed in the District Attorney's budget. Chief Deputy Christopherson also discussed the Sheriff's Office current jail population and their use of alternatives. He handed documentation

out regarding the jail population for the last few years in comparison with the Kimme study that was done. Christian Gossett also handed out documentation regarding the number of felonies his office handles and the outcomes of those charges for a period from 2007 – 2012. They will also be touring the Eau Claire County Criminal Justice Center who have a long history of diversion programs and have had a Criminal Justice Coordinator for quite some time. They will be bringing this information to Safe Streets Committee on Friday 09/13/13.

10. Sheriff's Report

Calls for service at Country USA increased from 269 calls in 2012 to 411 calls in 2013.

Call for service at Rock USA increased from 75 calls in 2012 to 211 calls in 2013. There was also an increase in citations and custodial arrests.

EAA went well. They had mostly traffic issues and there were a few thefts.

There were 14,000 attendees at the Tough Mudder event. Most of the calls for service were in regards to medical issues.

The Lou/Hmong Festival was pretty uneventful.

The billboards along USH 41 showing wanted persons were donated by the Winnebago County Crime Stoppers. The billboards will also be used for Amber Alerts and other matters as needed. There are billboards at three locations: USH 41 northbound just south of STH 26 and USH 41 northbound and southbound by CTH GG. Chief Deputy Christopherson also discussed the number of warrants their office entered and how many warrants were cleared.

All portable radios will be given to the fire departments this week. Training still needs to be done.

There was some discussion regarding the situation that occurred on USH 41 involving two people who died from self-inflicted gun shot wounds.

11. Suggested items for next agenda

Child Support 2014 Budget
Tour of the Sheriff's Office

12. Next meeting date

October 14, 2013

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:59 a.m. by Paul Eisen, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office