

SECURITY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2014

Minutes

Location: Room 500 in the Courthouse

Next Meeting: July 9, 2014 in Room 500 in the Courthouse

Present: Judge Karen Seifert, Melissa Konrad, Lt. Joe Kroncke, Christian Gossett, Lisa Krueger, John Bermingham, Linda Meier, Terri Vandellen, Mike Elder, Mark Harris, Sheriff Matz, Bill Wingren, Linda Kollmann, Dave Albrecht, Tom Chalchoff, and Tim Hamblin.

- I. Security Forum:** Judge Seifert asked the group if everyone had logged into the new online security forum that the State set up; some of the members had registered. Judge Seifert posted a thread to inquire if other counties have policies and procedures in place because the Security Committee is charged with this duty in each county. The forum is really in its infancy stage right now. There is a subcommittee working on complying with SCR 68.05(4) however, there is nothing at this time to report on as Lt. Joe Kroncke was out for some time and the group has not been able to meet. Judge Seifert did get Fond du Lac Counties policies and the group will work off this policy as a potential starting point for Winnebago County.
- II. 2014 Court Safety and Security Conference:** Melissa Konrad and Sheriff Matz reported on the conference this year. Many of the conference topics were about protocols Winnebago County already has in place. Winnebago County seems at this time to be ahead of the game. There has been a lot of progress in the past three years. A member of the Winnebago County Sheriff's office presented the firearms surrender information with regard to injunctions, as Winnebago County was a pilot county. In addition, there was a suggestion to collaborate with a neighboring County as an emergency site for the courthouse. There was also presentation and discussion of sovereign citizens.
- III. Courthouse Security & Efficiency Study:** The National Center for State Courts is working on their study in Winnebago. They have met or communicated with everyone they needed to talk to and are working on the results. The results are slowed a little because one of the main people working on the project had heart surgery. The results should be in around June of this year. The presentation of their suggestions to the County Board was discussed. Mark Harris inquired about the lease for the Public Safety Building. Mike Elder suggested going to a yearly lease if the City will allow the County to do so. The lease is currently \$70,000 a year.
- IV. Personal Security Training:** Joe Kroncke discussed a "non mandatory" security training the Sheriff's Office put on January 21, 2014. 72 people came to the training and there was good feedback and turn out from the staff. The training focused on safety outside the work place and identity theft. The next potential training is self-defense, the details are in the works.

- V. **Jury Rooms:** There was an inquiry about getting keys to the bailiffs for the jury rooms. The Sheriff's Office will look into and report at the next meeting.

- VI. **Gun Safes:** There is discussion whether the Courts will place safes in their offices to hold prosecutors guns. The prosecutors can carry guns in the Courthouse just not in the Courtrooms. Discussion about costs, placement, size of safes and logistics. The Sheriff's Office is looking into this and Judge Seifert will discuss with the Judges. The County Board Chairman inquired how many prosecutors carry guns, the response was two.

- VII. **Marquette County:** Linda Kollmann and Joe Kroncke are invited to Marquette County to talk about where Winnebago County has been and the progress we have made. They are using Winnebago as a model for forward movement.