

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
In person & via Zoom/Telephone

DATE: JANUARY 8, 2024

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD MEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM
4311 JACKSON STREET, OSHKOSH

PRESENT: BRYAN STAFFORD
PAUL EISEN
BRIAN DEFFERDING
CONLEY HANSON
JACOB FLOAM

ALSO PRESENT: TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTIE – SHERIFF'S
MICHAEL SEWALL – SHERIFF'S
KELLY OLSON – DAMASCUS ROAD
KAY HORAN – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
PATTI HEFFERNAN – HELIOS RECOVERY

1. Call to order.

Chairman Stafford called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Consideration of Minutes of December 4, 2023, meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2023, meeting was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Eisen. Carried 5-0.

3. Chair comments on meeting and agenda organization by Supervisor Stafford.

Chairman Stafford recognized the two presenters that were at tonight's meeting to present their topics.

4. Public comments within jurisdiction of committee.

Supervisor Kay Horan addressed an upcoming discussion that will be presented at the next county board meeting regarding the kiosks for fentanyl testing.

5. Communications shared by Committee Members.

Supervisor Floam spoke regarding the next Safe Streets meeting which is being held on January 26th at 12pm in Branch 3.

Chairman Stafford stated three of the current Judiciary committee members are not seeking re-election for the next term.

Chairman Stafford discussed an email he received from Emergency Management Director, Eric Rasmussen, announcing the retirement of Deputy Director Becky Powers effective February 2nd, 2024.

6. **Damascus Road Project, Inc. Presentation. (Presentation will be no more than 15 minutes with 10 minutes of questions. The objective of the presentation is to create awareness of Damascus Road Project and how the non-profit organization can assist the county in its public safety efforts.)**

Kelly Olson, Services and Operations Director of Damascus Road Project, gave a presentation regarding the project and their mission of their non-profit. Kelly answered questions the committee members had following the presentation.

7. **Helios Recovery Presentation by Patti Heffernan. (Presentation will be no more than 10 minutes. The objective of the presentation is to let the committee know what they do and what their services are compared to other non-profit sober recovery services.)**

Patti Heffernan, Director of Helios Recovery, gave a presentation regarding their services and the mission of their non-profit. Patti answered questions the committee members had following the presentation.

8. **Consideration/Vote: Ordinance – Amend Winnebago County General Code Section 1.12 (10) to increase and expand citizen member compensation on Committees, Commissions, Boards, and other Entities as well as Board of Canvass Citizen Member Compensation**

A motion to discuss the ordinance to amend Winnebago County General Code Section 1.12 (10) to increase and expand citizen member compensation on Committees, Commissions, Boards, and other Entities as well as Board of Canvass Citizen Member Compensation was made by Chairman Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Eisen.

Supervisor Eisen discussed the study of wages for supervisors in which a salary was enacted. In addition, there are citizen members of committees, commissions and boards and are now receiving the same per diem county board supervisors receive. When looking into the salary increase approved by the board for supervisors, why do the citizen members do not get an increase in pay. This would increase the pay to \$75 for a half day and \$100 for a whole day over 4 hours. This also includes Board of Canvass Citizen Members who would receive \$100 per half day and \$150 for a full day over four hours. He is asking for the committee to entertain the amended ordinance, or he will take it right to the county board.

A motion to approve the ordinance to amend Winnebago County General Code Section 1.12 (10) to increase and expand citizen member compensation on Committees, Commissions, Boards, and other Entities as well as Board of Canvass Citizen Member Compensation was made by Supervisor Eisen, seconded by Supervisor Floam. Carried 4-0. Chairman Stafford abstained from the vote.

9. **Corporation Counsel Report**

- **Office Reorganization**

Mary Anne Mueller of Corporation Counsel discussed the additional attorney position that was approved by the board. There was an attorney set to start today, but unfortunately they had to withdraw their acceptance.

- **Case Numbers**

Mental Health new cases for 2023: 339 cases

Guardianship new cases for 2023: 119 cases

CHIPS new cases for 2023: 40 cases

Mary Anne also reviewed other job responsibilities and meetings that corporation counsel staff have attended during 2023.

- **980 Update**

The most recent resident moved into the trailer on December 19th and there have been no issues. The 3 houses next door to the trailer are framed and on the verge of being completed.

10. Sheriff's Report

Chief Deputy Todd Christopherson discussed:

- Jail Count is currently at 221
- COVID Outbreak in the jail under control. In 2023 there were 88 positives with 1,121 tests administered.
- Meet with the architecture regarding the pod reconstruction. Bids will be going out in May with project completed in October.
- Provided an update on the missing kayaker.
- Staffing Updates
- Casual Day Fundraiser by Sheriff's Office staff
- Drug Overdoses – Medical Examiner Cheryl Brehmer will be at Judiciary next month to do a full overview of drug overdoses from 2023 but there have been 44 confirmed.
- Work on the 2023 Annual Report has started. Copies will be provided at the February meeting.
- 41/441 Meeting Update

11. Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm

- Deadline for agenda items due **Monday, January 22, 2024**. Please forward those requests to Chairman Bryan Stafford for approval. Thank you.

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:02 pm by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Defferding. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office