

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

DATE: JULY 10, 2023

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

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

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

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
LARA VENDOLA-MESSER – SHERIFF'S
ERIC RASMUSSEN – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
CHERYL BREHMER – MEDICAL EXAMINER
KAY HORAN – SUPERVISOR
RALPH HARRISON – SUPERVISOR
JIM WISE – SUPERVISOR
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
VICTORIA KINDERMAN – CORPORATION COUNSEL
MELANIE BOELTER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
THOMAS BORCHART – SUPERVISOR
KAREN POWERS – SUPERVISOR
MARIBETH GABERT – SUPERVISOR
AMY GEFFERS – HUMAN SERVICES
HEATHER FOUST – HUMAN SERVICES
MADDIE BREAGER – PUBLIC HEALTH
BILL TOPEL – HUMAN SERVICES
DOUG GIERYN – HEALTH DEPARTMENT
STEVEN BINDER – SUPERVISOR
BETH G. – CITIZEN
ASHLEE RAHMLow – CITIZEN
JULIE BARTHELS – COUNTY CLERK
BETSY ELLENBERGER – SUPERVISOR
CHUCK FARREY – SUPERVISOR
MORRIS COX - SUPERVISOR

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 June 5, 2023, meeting.

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

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

Chairman Stafford stated there will be an opportunity for the public to speak on anything within tonight's agenda. Also, today will not be the only time the last two items on the agenda will be discussed. There will be a Special Orders meeting in September to discuss these two topics again.

4. **Public comments within jurisdiction of committee.**

None

5. **Communications shared by Committee Members.**

Supervisor Eisen spoke about item #12 regarding the Ad Hoc Task Force on the Per Diem Structure. He stated no change is warranted to the current committee structure.

Supervisor Defferding spoke about recent NACO meetings he attended with the State of Wisconsin. He also mentioned meetings he has attended with Judge Gibbs, and other members of Winnebago County, regarding the possibility of creating a position that focuses on the mental health of those within the criminal justice system.

Chairman Stafford attend the Fraud School which is taught by members of the Sheriff's Office. He highly recommended everyone to attend.

6. **Public Health Presentation on Substance Use Harm Reduction Vending Machine Grant and Discussion – Public Health Director/Health Officer – Doug Gieryn**

Doug Gieryn of the Public Health Department spoke about the grant regarding public health vending machines for harm reduction. At this time, they are only discussing the budget transfer portion for the grant and have not yet found a machine or purchased anything for inside the vending machines. Doug Gieryn handed out copies of the presentation, which contains the information gathered for the grant. The grant would be \$80,000. The Public Health Department is working together with the Human Services Department and the District Attorney's Office.

Maddie Breager of the Public Health Department gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the vending machines. Maddie then answered any questions the committee members had about the vending machines and the concept behind the vending machines.

7. **Consideration/Vote: Approval of the acceptance of a mobile morgue unit being donated by the Fox Valley HERC with a value of \$31,560 – Emergency Management Director – Eric Rasmussen**

Eric Rasmussen of Emergency Management spoke about the acceptance of a mobile morgue unit which is being donated by the Fox Valley HERC. During COVID-19, the county saw a mass casualty situation and ran out of storage space for the decedents awaiting autopsies. The county had to borrow the Clark County morgue trailer to assist with the storage of decedents at that time. The mobile morgue unit is another tool Winnebago County can use for any future mass casualty incidents that could occur. This would be a secondary storage unit from the future Medical Examiners building, that will eventually be built with the Sheriff's Office Evidence Garage.

Cheryl Brehmer of the Medical Examiner's Office stated the mobile morgue unit has a 12-decedent capacity and again will be utilized mostly for mass casualty circumstances but will be used in the interim while the Medical Examiners/Evidence Garage building is being built.

A motion approval of the acceptance of a mobile morgue unit being donated by the Fox Valley HERC with a value of \$31,560 was made by Chairman Stafford, seconded by Supervisor Hanson. Carried 5-0.

8. **Consideration/Vote: Approval of County's contract with Konexus/Alertsense for a term of 3-years – Emergency Management Director – Eric Rasmussen**

Eric Rasmussen of Emergency Management explained that the Konexus/Alertsense software is used for mobile alerting and call outs. It's also used for IPAWS system for Amber Alerts, etc. This contract is similar to the last 5 year contract but stated the cost per year goes down \$1,000 per year compared to the last 5 year contract.

A motion to approve the county's contract with Konexus/Alertsense for a term of 3-years was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Defferding. Carried 5-0.

9. **Consideration/Vote: Approve the transfer of \$21,258 from contingency funds to the Sheriff's office and purchase of an evidence trailer and the necessary equipment with seized asset forfeiture funds. – Sheriff John Matz**

Sheriff Matz discussed the transfer of funds to purchase an evidence trailer with all of the necessary equipment to utilize for large scenes that contain a lot of evidence. The trailer cost would be covered with seized asset forfeiture funds from 2016 to 2018. The trailer comes with a barcode system which allows for all items to be logged and ensure custody of evidence while out on scene.

A motion to approve the transfer of \$21,258 from contingency funds to the Sheriff's office and purchase of an evidence trailer and the necessary equipment with seized asset forfeiture funds by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Floam. Carried 5-0.

10. **Consideration/Vote: Resolution – Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Communication Center be Designated the Public Safety Answering Point for Winnebago County – Sheriff John Matz**

Sheriff Matz discussed the grant process for the NG911 system. He stated a resolution is required for this grant by the state. Captain Lara Vendola-Messer spoke about the labor that has been involved with the NG911 process and that it will all be covered by the grant in the 2024 budget. The application for the grant is due in August and there is zero fiscal impact.

A motion to approve the resolution for Winnebago County Sheriff's Office Communication Center to be the Designated the Public Safety Answering Point for Winnebago County was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Defferding. Carried 5-0.

11. **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Matz discussed:

- *Fraud School – Individual townships will be hosting a few of the upcoming classes
- *Sextortion Class – These will be starting soon and are geared more towards teenagers
- *The jail Count is 228
- *The Jail Inspection was on June 27th and went well. A report will be provided soon.
- *The Sheriff's Office is Investigating the Oshkosh Police Department Officer Involved Shooting.
- *There are currently 8 Corrections Deputy vacancies

12. **Report Presentation, Discussion and Draft Resolution Discussion – Ad Hoc Task Force on the Per Diem Structure – Jim Wise**

Chair may elect to limit the discussion to a specific amount of time and will allow public comments during discussion.

Supervisor Wise discussed the objectives for Resolution No. 191-022023. This included using comparisons to arise at a consensus for consideration. They used a collection of data from other sources such as counties and municipalities. He reviewed the reports that were included with the agenda packet.

Supervisor Eisen handed out a document he had compiled and reviewed it with the committee. The documentation contained his questions and concerns regarding the per diem structure. He would like the Ad Hoc Committee to meet again and review the questions and concerns he has presented to them. He would also like the other supporting documentation to be presented to the committee which cites where the information came from.

Supervisor Wise explained the Ad Hoc Task Force was under a tight time crunch to bring this information to the committee for review and discussion. He stated they could certainly meet again but Supervisor Wise stated he would not be able to comment on all of the questions and concerns Supervisor Eisen has as this was the first time he was seeing the document that was handed out by Supervisor Eisen.

Supervisor Gabert asked about salary versus per diem and whether supervisors would then be deemed employees of the county or not. Mary Anne Mueller of Corporation Counsel stated she had asked other counties about supervisors then being deemed employees and she stated it all depends on the interpretation and in some circumstances, they could be considered employees and in some instances they would not. Mary Beth Gabert also asked for the additional documentation to review along with the report of the Ad Hoc Task Force Committee.

Supervisor Ellenberger spoke stating she prepared most of the final report and would like to answer any questions. She addressed the different budgets within the report and the municipality contacts she made for those municipalities who do not have websites with that information readily available. She then answered any other questions the committee members had.

Supervisor Horan asked if the salary pay would be increasing, what the impact would be for the County Clerk's Office. The County Clerk's Office would benefit from this as it would be less work for them in the long run.

Supervisor Harrison stated it took a lot of work going through all the documentation they had received, and it was a lot of work putting it into a report to bring to the committee for discussion. He stated they are trying to set things up for the future generations to come. He also stated going this route would allow those members who want to do more to be more involved with things happening within the county.

Supervisor Binder discussed all of the work that went into the Per Diem Ad Hoc Task Force and stated they will provide the other documentation when it goes to the county board. He stated the Ad Hoc Task Force met on several different occasions and were able to gather a lot of information in a short period of time.

Chairman Stafford wanted to discuss the draft resolutions. Supervisor Defferding stated the wording is well done but he would like more clarification on the employee vs non-employee side of it.

13. **Report Presentation, Discussion and Draft Resolution Discussion – Ad Hoc Committee Structure Review Task Force – Jacob Floam**

Chair may elect to limit the discussion to a specific amount of time and will allow public comments during discussion.

Supervisor Floam gave a presentation on the information that was gathered by the Ad Hoc Committee Structure Review Task Force. The full report was provided to everyone in the agenda packet handout.

Supervisor Floam stated they spoke with other counties and asked for feedback from supervisors and departmental stakeholders in the form of questionnaires and digested the information they received. The Task Force wanted to present a solution that flows logically. They came up with 9 standing committees and major boards. Those would be: Public Works, Judiciary and Public Safety, Finance and Administration, Natural Resources, Health and Human Services, Planning and Zoning, Aviation, Legislative and Solid Waste Board.

Supervisor Eisen handed out a document he had compiled and reviewed it with the committee. Supervisor Eisen stated he is in opposition with the restructuring of the committees as he feels there is currently more than enough sufficient manpower to service the 15 standing committees, commissions, and boards. He stated if the number of committees decreases then so should the size of the board.

Supervisor Defferding believes in what is being done and agrees that Winnebago County can streamline more of their processes and make positive changes. Supervisor Hanson agreed with Supervisor Defferding.

Chairman Stafford stated what was presented makes sense, but he needs time to think about it more. He wants to ensure the public is still engaging with the departments and to ensure Winnebago County is providing the best efficiencies.

14. **Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm**

- **Deadline for agenda items due *Monday, July 24, 2023*. Please forward those requests to Chairman Bryan Stafford for approval. Thank you.**

15. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:00 pm by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Defferding. Carried 5-0.

****This meeting is also being posted as a committee meeting for:**

- **Ad-Hoc Task Force on the Per Diem Structure**
- **Winnebago County Board of Supervisors**

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office