

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

DATE: DECEMBER 4, 2023

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: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
DAVID MACK – SHERIFF'S
LARA VENDOLA-MESSER – SHERIFF'S
MICHAEL SEWALL – SHERIFF'S
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
KAY HORAN – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
BETH G. – CITIZEN
ERIC SPARR – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
DOUG GIERYN – PUBLIC HEALTH
ASHLEE - CITIZEN

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 November 6, 2023, meeting.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2023, meeting was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Defferding. Carried 5-0.

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

Chairman Stafford stated item #6 will be moved to the January meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Chairman Stafford discussed the recent passing of Patrick O'Brien who served on the board for many years. Chairman Stafford asked for a moment of silence.

4. Public comments within jurisdiction of committee.

Mary Anne Muller of Corporation Counsel spoke about an opioid litigation that was brought forward from the National Counsel about the McKesson settlement. Mary Anne Mueller stated she just received the notice and explained that unless you opt out, no action needs to be taken at this time.

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

Supervisor Defferding spoke about a meeting he had today with an individual who works with Helios Recovery Services. He stated he would like to have this individual come to a Judiciary meeting in the future to give a short presentation.

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.)**

This item will be moved to the January Judiciary meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

7. **Update from the District Attorney's Office – District Attorney Eric Sparr**

Eric Sparr from the District Attorney's Office spoke about cases that have closed out since the last time he came to a Judiciary meeting. He spoke about working on mental health court and discussed the progress it's making. They are going to do a trail run with the program and see how it goes and then expand if the trail run goes well. He also spoke about their continuation with the training program the District Attorney's Office conducts with new officers. This gives new officers a chance to experience the court side of cases.

8. **Discussion on the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund**

Supervisor Hanson handed out information he had received after requesting information pertaining to the abatement settlement fund. He is looking for alternatives to see what other counties or governments are doing with their Opioid Abatement Settlement Funds. Supervisor Hanson he is not questioning how the money is being used, he just wanted to ask questions about the two different settlements and how the money has been used.

9. **Consideration/Vote: Resolution - Authorize the use of \$60,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for an on-site liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the calendar year 2024 – Sheriff John Matz**

Sheriff Matz introduced Captain Mack who then gave the committee a presentation regarding the STAR program and what the funds would be going towards.

A motion to discuss the resolution to authorize the use of \$60,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for an on-site liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the calendar year 2024 was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Defferding.

Captain Mack presented a PowerPoint regarding the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery Program (STAR). With this program, they are looking to add 3.5 recovery coach positions within the jail through Recovery Solutions. They would dedicate a pod within the jail that would specifically house inmates who wish to participate in the program. The resources would provide current inmates classes for life skills and coordinate all treatment appointments post release. They would also be looking at an oral form of Vivitrol since the injection is expensive and they want everyone to be successful in their recovery.

A motion to approve the resolution to authorize the use of \$60,000 from the National Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund for the Sheriff's Office program contracting with Solutions Recovery, Inc. for an on-site liaison for the Sobriety Treatment Assisted Recovery (STAR) Program for the calendar year 2024 was made by Supervisor Floam, seconded by Supervisor Defferding. Carried 5-0.

10. **Sheriff's Report**

Sheriff Matz discussed:

- An update on the lost kayaker.
- Ice boat rescue update – Neenah Menasha's boat is out of service. Currently have 2 rescue boats. Looking at leasing a 3rd one and utilizing the water rescue donation fund to pay the lease until the other boat can be repaired or replaced by an upcoming grant.
- Staffing update
- Jail Count 242
- COVID outbreak in the jail.
- 980 Update
- Therapy K9 to be part of the STAR program.

11. **Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6:00 pm**

- Deadline for agenda items due **Friday, December 22, 2023**. Please forward those requests to Chairman Bryan Stafford for approval. Thank you.

12. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:13 pm by Supervisor Defferding , seconded by Supervisor Floam. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office