

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JANUARY 10, 2011

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: HARVEY RENGSTORF
BILL WINGREN
TOM ELLIS
BILL ROH
PAUL EISEN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN BODNAR – CORPORATION COUNSEL
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BILL TEDLIE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CHERILYN EISCHEN – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MARK HABECK – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DAVID ALBRECHT – COUNTY BOARD
JERRY FINCH – COUNTY BOARD
AL JACOBSON – COUNTY BOARD
TOM WIDENER – COUNTY BOARD
CLAUD THOMPSON – COUNTY BOARD
KATHY PROPP – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
ANN MARSHALL – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
LARRY LAST – TOWN OF NEKIMI
DEBBIE LAST – TOWN OF NEKIMI
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

Chairman Harvey Rengstorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: The agenda item numbers on these minutes differ from those on the agenda as the numbering on the agenda was incorrect.

1. Approve the minutes from December 13, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

NOTE: In regards to Agenda Item #6 where the minutes indicated that Bill Roh did not have the same understanding as to reducing the board size by one, he wanted to clarify that it is not his understanding, it is State Law Act 100 that he was referring to and he found nothing indicating that the board size must be reduced by one. He was not requesting that the minutes be changed; he just wanted to clarify the matter.

2. Communications

None.

3. Input on agenda items by public

Kathy Propp of the League of Women Voters invited all County Board members and Department Heads to a meeting that will be taking place on January 31, 2011 where three County Board Chairs from other counties will talk about their experiences with smaller Board size and fewer committees.

She said the League also heard a rumor that there was a resolution to reduce the Board size on the January 18 County Board Agenda and hopes that this is not being done because of another rumor going around that the citizens will petition this month for a reduction in the size of the Board as this rumor is not true and there is no rush. They hope that there is no such resolution on the January 18 agenda and that the County Board will honor its own timetable. They believe it would be a huge insult to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee, the three County Board Chairs from other counties coming to discuss the matter, and any others involved in the process.

David Albrecht advised that he received an email from a citizen that was meant for Harvey Rengstorf; but due to the fact that Harvey does not have email, the sender sent it to David Albrecht. The email strongly requested that serious consideration be given to reducing the size of the Board and recommended that the size of the Board be reduced to 18 members.

Thomas Widener, District 9, said he is ambivalent in regards to the size of the Board, but does believe that the Board should make a decision and there is a procedure for this to be done and all possibilities should be looked at.

Jerry Finch, District 28, is still concerned that there will be a lack of representation especially in the rural areas.

4. Discussion / Approval of Record Retention Ordinance – Corporation Counsel

John Bodnar handed out copies of the policy regarding record retention that was done by a task force developed by the Wisconsin Counties Association. The policy was already approved by the State Record Retention Board. His purpose for handing out this policy was for the committee to review it to see if they want to adopt the policy. He also wants to present the policy to the County Department Heads at the next Department Head Meeting to get their input and consideration for adoption. If this policy is adopted it would eliminate the lengthy process of getting a different policy approved by the State Retention Board which could take up to six months.

5. Discussion of County Board sizing

Harvey Rengstorf advised his position is to keep as many town members on the Board as possible. He looked up the number of districts within Winnebago County going back as far as 1991 and found that every time the Board size was reduced, representation for the towns was lost.

Bill Wingren is in favor of lowering the size of the Board and feels that we also need to look at combining committees and eliminating duplication.

David Albrecht confirmed that there is a resolution that was signed by 17 supervisors to reduce the size of the Board by one member.

6. Update on Criminal Justice Study – Sheriff

Kimme and Associates will be having follow-up meetings at the Sheriff's Office on January 11 and 12 to focus on the alternative programs and the judiciary branch.

David Albrecht feels it is important that they meet with UW-Extension in regards to alternatives to incarceration and education programs.

7. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz reminded the committee of the upcoming CAD/MDC upgrade that was discussed at earlier meetings.

He further advised that they are looking into a 24/7 Program that is being used by South Dakota that has helped reduce the number of drunk driving incidents and has reduced the population in their jail. The program requires anyone on the program to have a preliminary breath test done twice a day for one year at a cost to the offender of \$2.00 per day. The goal is to keep them on track for remaining sober and not reoffending. He is still looking into gathering more information about the program and will present new information to the committee as it is obtained.

The radio study is done with four options given and two of those options are not viable because they can not get the frequencies.

There are currently 262 inmates in the jail.

8. Items for next agenda

Size of the County Board

9. Future Meeting Date

February 14, 2011 @6:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:33 a.m. by Bill Roh, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office