

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: MAY 21, 2018

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: BILL WINGREN
PAUL EISEN
LARRY SMITH
TIM HOGAN
TOM ELLIS

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF
KAREN SEIFERT – BRANCH 4
MARK HARRIS – COUNTY EXECUTIVE
TOM EGAN – BOARD SUPERVISOR
TOM KONETZKE – BOARD SUPERVISOR
SCOTT CEMAN – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
BILL ROH - CITIZEN

1. Call to Order

Chairman Bill Wingren called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and it was verified that the meeting was properly noticed.

2. Consideration of Minutes of April 9, 2018 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from April 9th, 2018 was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

Assistant District Attorney Scott Ceman spoke about the tunnel usage how the Courthouse Security Committee approved that the prosecutors, ADA's and District Attorney of the Winnebago County District Attorney's office permission would be able to use the tunnel. He stated after a year of the security center being open, it was revisited and only those approved members can utilize the tunnel and all other personnel from the District Attorney's Office would still need to go through the scanner at the front of the security entrance at the courthouse.

At 9:10, Board Supervisor Tim Hogan arrived at the Judiciary meeting.

Mark Harris also spoke on this topic and stated it was up to him to make the decision on whether or not to grant access to those individuals to utilize the tunnel. He stated the door card reader's audit

who else uses that tunnel to include maintenance personnel. All other personnel should not be using the tunnel.

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

None

5. Consideration (Vote): Resolution requesting Sheriff Matz to read the Declaration of Independence on Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2018

Bill Wingren spoke about the tradition of the Sheriff reading the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse steps on July 4th at 8am. Sheriff Matz agreed to read the Declaration of Independence again this year.

A motion to accept Sheriff Matz reading the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse Steps on July 4th was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

6. Consideration (Vote): Review and authorization of \$58,000.00 to complete jail study – Sheriff Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the RFP vendor scores and how the vendor was picked before they new how much that vendor would charge for the completion of the study. Venture Architects the group picked and ended up being the cheapest at \$58,000. The study will review several factors such as inmate characteristics and trends, future needs to fit those trends, diversion programs as far as what works and what may need to be added or tweaked to the programs we currently offer as well as a 20 year jail forecast broken down into 5 year increments. Venture Architects also happens to be the same group who designed our current jail and they would subcontract with CRS if we were to move forward with an expansion.

A motion to approve the \$58,000.00 to complete the jail study was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Tim Hogan. Carried 5-0.

7. Discussion/Possible Action: Use of tunnel by Courthouse and Orrin King Building

Bill Wingren discussed the Sheriff's Office maintaining the security of the courthouse and the tunnel usage between the Courthouse and Orrin King building. Bill Wingren read a statement/opinion written by Corporation Counsel John Bodnar in regards to the tunnel usage. Bill Wingren stated there is a break in communication and just wants everyone to be on the same page as far as at the tunnel usage is concerned and who is and who isn't allowed to use the tunnel.

Paul Eisen read a section from the Supreme Court Courthouse Security section as to the rules for those utilizing the tunnels. He proposed that there be a staff restricted access entrance for all personnel allowed to access the courthouse per screening as per the Supreme Courts rules. He asked that the Sheriff's Office conduct a study of such a procedure and whether it is cost effective or not. There was no second to this proposal.

Sheriff Matz showed a video from the courthouse security access checkpoint where a wanted felon with an active warrant was trying to gain entry into the courthouse. He was detained and taken to the Winnebago County Jail.

Judge Karen Seifert agrees with one entrance but also understands the risk of the DA's walking through that one entrance and the risk they face walking past those individuals' families, friends and acquaintances of who they are prosecuting. Those members are still not allowed to have firearms

within the court rooms, without prior permission from the judge, so she is supportive of those individuals of the DA's Office who are approved to utilize the tunnel to continue doing so to reduce any risks they may face entering the courthouse through the same entrance as those coming to support those being prosecuted in court.

8. Sheriff's Report

*Sheriff Matz discussed his attendance, along with Nurse Beverly Weber from the jail, to witness video court for those with mental health issues. He plans to attend future video court sessions to observe other inmates who may have mental illnesses and how this could carry over into the Sheriff's Office Jail.

*Sheriff Matz discussed the Slow No Wake for the high water in the Town of Wolf River. In the future, he would like to consider going in with the surrounding municipalities to produce an ordinance that will allow the Sheriff's Office to enact ordinance citations for those violating the No Wake order

9. Suggested Items for next agenda

Sheriff's Ordinance on Slow No Wake

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 11, 2018

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:38 a.m. by Paul Eisen, seconded Larry Smith. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office