

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

DATE: AUGUST 9, 2021

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: BILL WINGREN
TOM ELLIS
PAUL EISEN
VICKI SCHORSE
MIKE BRUNN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF'S
SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
KELLY KUTZ – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
MARYANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
MILES MAGUIRE – OSHKOSH EXAMINER
BRYAN STAFFORD – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
NATALIE STROHMEYER – REGISTER OF DEEDS
MELISSA PINGEL – CLERK OF COURTS
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
ADAM DORN – PLANNING & ZONING
JERRY BOUGIE – PLANNING & ZONING
DIANE CULVER – PLANNING & ZONING
KOBY SCHELLENGER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
JERRY FINCH – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
TOM EGAN – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
JON DOEMEL – COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ROBERT KELLER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
MIKE NORTON – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
BRIAN NOE – CITIZEN
TOM SNIDER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
MORRIS COX – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
STEVEN BINDER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
ELLEK SKERKE – TOWN OF NEENAH
BOB SCHMEICHEL – TOWN OF NEENAH
JOEL RASMUSSEN – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
LARRY LAUTENSCHLAGER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
STEVEN LENZ – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
SHILOH RAMOS – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
ELIZABETH PETERMAN – CITIZEN
DON NUSSBAUM – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
KATIE CAMPBELL – CITIZEN
JOHN HINTZE - CITIZEN

1. Call to Order

Chairman 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 July 12, 2021 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from July 12, 2021 was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Mike Brunn. Carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

None

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

None

5. Public Hearing – Informational Meeting on Winnebago County Redistricting

Chairman Wingren discussed the redistricting process and the committee's decision to lower the number of board members from 36 to 28.

Supervisor Schorse then reviewed how the committee came to that conclusion and number of board members from past studies that were conducted. She stated the benefits to lowering to 28 would allow for more competition for elected positions, fewer vacancies and increased communication with the board members and the citizens.

Supervisor Finch asked questions regarding the lowering of the county board members and where the number came from as well as his concerns for lowering from 36 to 28 members. Supervisor Schorse responded that the number came from the latest census data which is from 2010.

Supervisor Ellis spoke about the League of Women Voters being huge advocates of lowering the county board size from 36 to 28 and they have been involved in the redistricting process for years.

Supervisor Eisen discussed the lowering of county board members was based on the history of past processes with regards to the redistricting process during his tenure on the board.

Supervisor Stafford relayed the community feedback from individuals he had spoken with in his district and stated they were concerned with the representation of the supervisor and if they were able to handle the additional citizens that would be put under them with the reduction of county board size. His biggest concern was obtaining community feedback on this topic and hearing their concerns or support with the lowering of county board members.

County Executive Doemel then spoke regarding the veto from the governor and why the process is moving forward at a fast pace. County Executive Doemel supports whatever decision is made by the committee and board members and will then support the Planning & Zoning Department with the redistricting process once a decision is made.

Supervisor Egan discussed the presentation of rural area citizens and making sure they are updated on what is going on in the county.

Town of Neenah Chairman Bob Schmeichel has some concerns about going to 28 board members but also understands the reasons for going to 28 members. He is wondering about representation and doesn't want the committee to rush and look at the big picture.

Town of Neenah Clerk Ellen Skerke asked when the presentation will be regarding the redistricting process as she would like to inform the public. Supervisor Schorse responded that the plan was to present the presentation at the county board meeting on August 17th which would then be the 2nd public meeting regarding the redistricting process.

Citizen Katie Campbell spoke about her involvement at the county board meetings and her participation with groups who are engaged in county government. She wanted to know how the data was being collected and the concern the citizens she has spoken with have for representation. She sees the value in down sizing but overall has concerns of the public having the right representation.

Citizen John Hintze spoke about his concerns from a voting perspective during election times and the number of people at the polling locations. He would like the committee to hold off for a year and give the public an opportunity to speak.

Supervisor Steve Binder would like to hear the citizens comments and input and for the committee to take their time and do it right.

Supervisor Eisen then spoke about being in favor of waiting to lower the county board size from 36 to 28.

15. Board Special Session Presentation Plan

Chairman Wingren moved this item up and stated it will be publicized that the presentation will be presented at the August 17th board meeting utilizing social media avenues. This will allow time for supervisors and townships to inform the public of the presentation and that there will be discussion taking place at the next board meeting.

6. Presentation of 2022 Budget – County Clerk Office – Sue Ertmer

Sue presented her budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding her budget.

7. Presentation of 2022 Budget – Clerk of Courts – Melissa Pingel

Melissa presented her budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding her budget.

8. Presentation of 2022 Budget – Corporation Counsel – Mary Anne Mueller

Mary Anne presented her budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding her budget.

9. Connections Program Update – District Attorney Office – Christian Gossett

Christian gave an overview of the Connections Program stating they have 21 current participants and 7 MOU's signed and in place. With the increase in overdose deaths, an Opioid program has been recently created to target that specific population. Christian provided metrics that will be used to collect data regarding the Connect Program in the future.

10. Presentation of 2022 Budget – District Attorney Office – Christian Gossett

Christian presented his budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding his budget.

11. Presentation of 2022 Budget – Register of Deeds – Natalie Strohmeyer

Natalie presented her budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding her budget.

12. Consideration (Vote): Approve 5-year contract with Word Systems Inc. – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the Word Systems Inc. is tied to the 911 call recordings/radio transmissions by the deputies and phone lines coming into dispatch. The system stores the recordings and allows the Sheriff's Office to be able to go back in and obtain any records within that system for open record requests, district attorney office requests or other agencies requests.

A motion to approve the 5-year contract with Word Systems Inc was made by Mike Brunn, seconded by Paul Eisen. Carried 5-0.

13. Consideration (Vote): Approve 5-year inmate phone contract with IC Solutions – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed that with the new contract, inmate phone calls will be lowered from \$.21 a minute to \$.16 a minute. Sheriff Matz addressed questions and concerns the committee had regarding phone usage by inmates and what the surrounding counties charge. Sheriff Matz also indicated that inmates will soon receive virtual visits via a tablet as a service as well.

A motion to approve the 5-year inmate phone contract with IC Solutions was made by Mike Brunn, seconded by Paul Eisen. Carried 4-1.

14. Presentation of 2022 Budget – Sheriff's Department – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz presented his budget to the committee and answered any questions they had regarding his budget.

16. Sheriff's Report

*Sheriff Matz discussed the need to replace the cameras in the interview rooms utilized by the detectives. The 2021 capital will cover 2 of the 4 cameras to be replaced.

*Sheriff Matz presented the committee with employee data regarding the retention and recruiting issues that the Sheriff's Office is having. There are other ideas being looked at for implementation to include a lateral transfer study.

*Sheriff Matz stated the EAA after action review will be available by the next judiciary meeting.

*Sheriff Matz shared one of the K9's at the Sheriff's Office has sustained an injury and they are awaiting an update from the doctor. This K9 may need to retire if he can't perform his duties.

17. Suggested items for next agenda

18. Next Meeting Date: Monday, September 12, 2021

16. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:31 am by Mike Brunn, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office