

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2018

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: BILL WINGREN
LARRY SMITH
TOM ELLIS
PAUL EISEN

ABSENT: TIM HOGAN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
KELLY KUTZ – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE
JULIE MABRY – CHILD SUPPORT
KATHLEEN DIEDRICH – CHILD SUPPORT
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
JUDGE KAREN SEIFERT
MIKE NORTON – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

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 August 13, 2018 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from August 13th, 2018 was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

5. Presentation of 2019 Budget – Corporation Counsel – Mary Anne Mueller

Mary Anne Mueller presented her budget to the Judiciary Committee and answered any questions they had in regards to her budget.

6. Presentation of 2019 Budget – Child Support – Kathleen Diedrich

Kathleen Diedrich presented her budget to the Judiciary Committee and answered any questions they had in regards to her budget.

7. Presentation of 2019 Budget – District Attorney – Christian Gossett

Christian Gossett presented his budget to the Judiciary Committee and answered any questions they had in regards to his budget.

8. Consideration (Vote): Accept a \$500.00 unsolicited cash donation from John Bergstrom for designation to be used for our annual awards ceremony – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz stated that John Bergstrom made a cash donation in appreciation of the service that the Sheriff's Office provides. A thank you letter was sent to John Bergstrom. A motion was made to accept the donation by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0

9. Sheriff's Report

Detective Sleeter participated in a Tactical and Marksmanship Challenge and took 1st place. The reward is \$10,000 to the Department. Paul Eisen suggested that a congratulation letter get typed up and presented by the Chairman during a County Board Meeting.

Sheriff Matz talked about ES Sanction Inmates. The Jail houses ES Sanction Inmates and the State reimburses them for it. However, because the Jail population keeps rising, they have to reduce the number of ES Sanction Inmates in the Jail. Therefore, the reimbursements will be less.

Sheriff Matz also talked about the budget for fuel. We budgeted for fuel at \$2.25/gallon but it is \$2.75/gallon. That also affects the propane costs. Sheriff Matz said the budget will be very close – he may need to move things around to make up for the fuel increases.

10. Consideration (Vote): Discussion of the Stepping Up Initiative

Mike Norton spoke of the Stepping Up Initiative. All that was presented was a template.

Paul Eisen stated that he introduced this to the Safe Streets back in 2016 and a sub-committee was formed to decide if we need this. At the time, the sub-committee consisted of many agencies, including: the Jail Administrator, Paul Eisen, a Court Commissioner, someone from Human Services, someone from the District Attorney's Office and someone from the Public Defender's Office. The sub-committee reported back that no one has the personnel to adopt and monitor this program.

Sheriff Matz questioned what staff would do this? He further stated that we do some of this already with our Jail Re-entry staff member.

There was a lot of discussion that Winnebago County already has many alternatives to incarceration. Mr. Norton first needs to identify the problem in Winnebago County and see if we are already addressing the issues of the initiative.

Judge Seifert stated that a sub-committee was recently formed to see if they should start a mental health court. They are waiting for the results to see if the numbers would warrant it.

A motion was made by Larry Smith to dismiss this until more facts are available, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 3-1.

Chairman Bill Wingren asked Mike Norton to email him a name and number/email so he could gather some more information.

11. Suggested items for next agenda

12. Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 12, 2018

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:16 a.m. by Larry Smith, seconded by Paul Eisen. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Becky Borowitz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office