

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: MAY 12, 2014

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
LARRY SMITH
DAVID ALBRECHT

EXCUSED: BILL ROH

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

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. Approval of minutes of April 14, 2014 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. Paul Eisen pointed out a typo under Agenda Item #8. The minutes will be amended to correct it. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

None.

4. Communications

All committee members received a copy of the Clerk of Courts Report and notice from the Sheriff's Office regarding their annual awards ceremony that will be held on May 13, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Paul Eisen discussed an article in the Oshkosh Northwestern from 04/25/14 regarding a new program titled Crossroads that was started by the District Attorney's Office. Christian Gossett advised that this is the latest alternative diversion program being initiated by his office and they partnered with the United Way, UW-Oshkosh, the Oshkosh Area School District, and the

Department of Human Services. This program is designed for first time offenders between the ages of 17 – 26.

Paul Eisen also discussed his attendance at the Wisconsin Counties Association Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee May 9, 2014 in Madison. Some of the topics discussed were:

- The burden of storing DNA collections
- The National Institute of Corrections making a decision by 01/01/15 as to which State will be selected for the pilot project regarding alternatives to incarceration and diversion
- Attempts to impose training and standards regarding elected coroners
- 911 Legislation which is attempting to recapture fees collected from phone carriers

5. Discussion/possible action: District Attorney change of Table of Organization

Christian Gossett advised that his office has been working on scanning old files for the last several years. The person who was working on scanning the files retired last year. He would now like to change this full-time position to two-(2) part-time positions in order to utilize the positions in a different manner and still continue with the scanning process.

A motion to approve changing this full-time position into two-(2) part-time positions was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

6. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz reminded everyone again about the awards ceremony being held 05/13/14 where the Sheriff's Office will recognize new employees, promotions, and give awards for exemplary performance to both employees and members of the community.

Sheriff Matz is working with Judge Woldt and Safe Streets on a diversion program that assists individuals prior to entering the criminal justice system. An example given was that of an individual smashing mailboxes. Rather than issuing a citation or a State charge for damage to property that ends up on CCAP, they would instead arrange for restitution for the mailboxes and the person would have to complete a 2-hour program on-line where they would pay a small amount of money. There will be a video that consists of presentations done by a Judge, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and the Clerk of Courts which basically talks about how one mistake or act by a person can impact any future job endeavors if that mistake is on CCAP. There will be a test at the end of the video to confirm that the person actually viewed the video. This eliminates any permanent record on CCAP. This is a one-time only opportunity and the individual needs to meet certain criteria to enter the program. If they continue to commit offenses they will not be given this opportunity again and their original offense could be re-opened.

The Sheriff's Office has also started a 24/7 Drug Program which works in a similar manner to the 24/7 Alcohol Program. They currently have eight-(8) people on the program.

Sheriff Matz is in discussions with Patty Francour of Information Systems regarding limiting the amount of time Information Systems is spending at the Sheriff's Office due to the large amount of technology being utilized. One of the things discussed was having the Sheriff's Office pay for a portion of an IS position where the person in that position would work at the Sheriff's Office for a

proportionate amount of time. Patty Francour is working on putting facts and figures together to see if there is justification for this type of position.

Sheriff Matz advised that he still plans on moving forward in the use of propane; however, it is currently on hold as they are waiting for the tank that would be used inside the squad to get safety EPA approval.

Sheriff Matz addressed a question raised by Paul Eisen via email regarding why the revenue in cost share for municipalities increased so much from 2013 to 2014. The revenue went from \$65,000 to \$162,000 due to Outagamie County paying their share of the cost for the controller for the new radio system.

In response to questions asked, Sheriff Matz advised that the armored vehicle purchased by the Neenah Police Dept. will also be available to the Sheriff's Office if needed and that the MEG Unit will be getting another dog to replace their dog that recently died.

7. Suggested items for next agenda

None

8. Next Meeting Date

June 9, 2014

9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 a.m. by Tom Ellis, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office