

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JULY 9, 2012

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
BILL ROH
PAUL EISEN
LARRY SMITH

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
ERIC TIPLER – SNOWMOBILER
JIM BESON – RESIDENT
JERRY FINCH – DISTRICT 28
GUY HEGG – DISTRICT 27
JEREMY PROBST – ATV CLUB
GENE SCHMITZ – RESIDENT
MARY COULLIARD – RESIDENT
JACK COUILLARD – RESIDENT
JIM DRUMMOND – RESIDENT
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. Discussion of Committee's procedures, i.e. voting, agenda approval

Bill Wingren advised the procedures used by their committee differ slightly than those of other committees i.e., have a motion and then discuss vs. discuss and then have a motion. It was the consensus of the committee to continue with the procedures they have been using.

3. Approval of minutes from June 11, 2012 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0. There was then some discussion regarding a possible amendment to the minutes. It was determined that an amendment was not needed and a second motion to approve the minutes as originally written was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

4. Public comments on agenda items

There was lengthy discussion by the public present at the meeting regarding their concerns or questions regarding the motor vehicles on ice bound lakes ordinance. Jim Drummond advised that State regulations already exist regarding the decibel levels for snowmobiles and Jeremy Probst advised that State regulations also exist regarding the decibel levels for ATV's. Both explained the tests used by manufacturers to measure the decibel levels. There are no current regulations regarding the decibel levels for monster trucks or ice bikes.

5. Communications

Bill Wingren discussed emails he has received regarding the motor vehicles on ice bound lakes ordinance. Many of the individuals who sent the email said that laws exist already regarding snowmobiles and they should be excluded.

Paul Eisen advised the State-Wide Criminal Justice Coordinating Counsel will be holding a listening session at 5:30pm tomorrow (07/10/12) at the UW-Milwaukee School of Continuing Education.

6. Discussion/Action on Ordinance: Regulation of motor vehicles on ice bound lakes which was sent back to committee

After hearing all concerns and questions by the public earlier in the meeting, the committee then discussed their thoughts about how to proceed with the ordinance. Copies of a revised ordinance done by Paul Eisen were handed out to everyone present at the meeting. These revisions indicate that snowmobiles and ATV's are exempt.

The revisions made by Paul Eisen and the changes the public would like to see in addition to these revisions were discussed. Each public attendee stated they were in agreement and satisfied with the revisions and changes discussed and would approve an ordinance that reflected this. Sheriff Matz then advised how the public would be made aware of this ordinance and Jeremy Probst said he would assist in getting the word out to the public.

A motion to have Sheriff Matz and Corporation Counsel John Bodnar finalize the ordinance as approved by all attendees present and then bring it back before the committee was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

7. Discussion/Action on Lake Burning Ordinance

Sheriff Matz advised that this ordinance covers fires on ice bound lakes. It requires people to pick up the refuse left by the fire, indicates that the burning of materials such as sofas, rubbish, garbage, recyclable items, trash or any material made from petroleum based products or combustible liquids will not be allowed. It also requires a person to be 18 years old or older or have an adult present and the fire can not be left unattended. The forfeiture for violation of the ordinance is \$45 plus the statutory surcharges imposed.

A motion to approve the Lake Burning Ordinance was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

8. Discussion/Action on publication of legal notices to be sent to Legislative Committee

Larry Smith will not be able to get the information he needs until after August 1, 2012.

A motion to forward the information, once it is received, to the Legislative Committee was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

9. Update on termination of PSAP Agreement

Sheriff Matz advised that both Outagamie County and Calumet County are no longer interested in pursuing the PSAP at this time. There will be one final meeting regarding what has already been agreed on and what still needs to be agreed on should this subject come up again in the future.

10. Sheriff's Report

They are experiencing additional overtime in the Patrol Division due to current resignations, transfers and promotions. Three transfers from the Jail Division have been hired for the Patrol Division.

They are in the process of finalizing their budget and Sheriff Matz explained that he has two positions that he would like to upgrade. One position is the Communications Manager position which has been vacant since April 2011 and has been filled by a limited term employee pending the outcome of the PSAP. With the PSAP no longer an option, he would like to upgrade this position to a Lieutenant position which would allow for more flexibility not only the Communications Center, but they could also be utilized for special events and other projects. This would be an increase of \$4300 a year.

There will be a retirement in Court Services in October and he would then like to upgrade a Court Services Officer position to a Court Services Lieutenant position. The reason being that this division has grown significantly and continues to grow due to increases in jail population and attendance in the courts, along with the Courthouse Security upgrade recommendations which will need to be managed.

Sheriff Matz has been accepted, and will be attending, the FBI Academy April 7 – June 14, 2013. It is a 10 week course for upper level administration. Chief Deputy Christopherson will cover in his absence.

Sheriff Matz then addressed questions asked by the committee in regards to the Sheriff's Office policy on chases, their budget, Country USA and the recent crane accident that occurred.

11. Next meeting agenda items

- ❖ Budget Process
- ❖ Discussion/Action on publication of legal notices to be sent to Legislative Committee
- ❖ Motor Vehicles on Ice Bound Lakes Ordinance

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:40 a.m. by Bill Roh, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office