

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: SEPTEMBER 8, 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
BILL ROH

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN BODNAR – CORPORATION COUNSEL
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY
JULIE PAGEL – REGISTER OF DEEDS
GUY HEGG – COUNTY BOARD

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 August 11, 2014

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

None.

4. Communications

Paul Eisen contacted Bill Wingren regarding difficulty in opening emails that are received from the Sheriff's Office. Todd Christopherson advised that this is due to security settings that are put in place by Information Systems.

Bill Roh discussed an email that was written by a citizen regarding accidents occurring at Larsen and CB and concern for bicyclists in the area. This email was forwarded to many various entities including Sheriff Matz who had provided a break down of the number of accidents at this

intersection. Sheriff Matz will look into this further to see what, if anything, can be done to alleviate some of the problems.

5. Review 2015 Budget: Corporation Counsel – John Bodnar

John Bodnar advised that a mistake was made in his budget where the fringe benefits and overtime was duplicated within the budget.

6. Review 2015 Budget: Sheriff's Office – John Matz

Medicare is 7.65 % of the payroll and those numbers are provided by Human Resources.

The sale of tax delinquent properties is included in the service of civil process. They charge \$75 for postings and \$75 to conduct the sale which is designated by State Statute.

The figures for Health Insurance are also provided by Human Resources and they over-budgeted in 2014.

Sheriff Matz provided a graph regarding alternatives to incarceration and where it falls within his budget. He explained the problem with showing a decrease in his budget is that he would have seen a drop in the jail population to the point where he could close part of the jail. The impact of the programs can be seen by not needing to expand the jail. They are looking at each program to evaluate their effectiveness to see if they need to make some changes or eliminate them altogether.

The budget showed an increase of 135% in Jail Assessment which was a miscommunication as to how it should be reported. The actual amount should have been \$173,000 and not \$409,000.

Guy Hegg asked Sheriff Matz what his opinion for use of the Work Release Center is. Sheriff Matz said as far as it being a useful correctional facility he doesn't have a large enough number of Huber Inmates to open it; most of them go on the bracelet program. He did have a meeting with several State Legislators regarding expanding the 24/7 Program into sentencing which would increase the number of people in the 24/7 Program substantially. There are currently 100 participants in the program which takes them from their initial court appearance to the time of sentencing, which is about 88 days. If expanded to the sentencing portion, the number of participants would increase to 300-400 and they would get more help while in the program. That is too many to report to the Sheriff's Office so possibly using WRC for them to report is an option; however, expansion of the program is dependant on legislation.

Guy Hegg asked about advertising on the radio regarding the use of heroin and Sheriff Matz explained there are a group of individuals who use billboards, pamphlets and public service announcements and discussed the 4-Pillars Program. As far as the Sheriff's Office, they are constantly updating Face Book and Tweeter.

7. Review 2015 Budget: District Attorney – Christian Gossett

Christian Gossett advised that a Risk/Needs Assessment Grant they received came in lower than they expected and addressed questions regarding budget items in his budget that doubled.

He also talked about the diversion programs his office currently uses and the Risk/Needs Assessment position and Crime Analyst position. Information Systems is also writing a program for

his office which will allow them to manage and track up to 700 individuals without having to increase the number of staff.

8. Discussion/Action: Budget Transfer – Register of Deeds – Transfer \$24,000 from Professional Services Account to General Fund Contingency Fund for digitizing historical records.

Julie Pagel advised that she thought the second payment for digitizing historical records came out her 2013 budget but it actually came out of her 2014 budget.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$24,000 from the Professional Services Account to the General Fund Contingency was made by Bill Roh, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

9. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz handed out copies of After Action Reviews regarding Country USA, Rock USA, and Pathfinders. His office isn't too involved with Pathfinders but they may need to increase the number of staff they have there in the future due to the large amount of people who attended.

The Sheriff's Office charges a \$45 civil process fee and an additional \$25 for any follow-up that is needed.

They had a boat rescue over the weekend and a fatality involving a motorcycle and deer. Calls for service have increased.

Bill Roh mentioned a company called Universal K9 that trains dogs and gives them to law enforcement for free.

Sheriff Matz handed out Computer Cop DVD's that they will handed out to parents regarding Internet Safety.

10. Suggest items for next agenda

None.

11. Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2014

12. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:02 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