

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: MARCH 8, 2010

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

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

PRESENT: HARVEY RENGSTORF
LAWRENCE SMITH
BILL WINGREN
TOM ELLIS
DONALD GRIESBACH

ALSO PRESENT: SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
JOHN BODNAR – CORPORATION COUNSEL
DIANE FREMGEN – CLERK OF COURTS
MARK FREMGEN – FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER
MICHAEL BROOKS – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BILL TEDLIE – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
DAVID MACK – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
GREGORY CIANCIOLO – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

Chairman Harvey Rengstorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approve minutes from the February 15, 2010 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lawrence Smith, seconded by Bill Wingren. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

2. Communications

None.

3. Input on agenda items by public

None.

4. Resolution for budget transfer – lap top computer – County Clerk

Sue Ertmer advised that this doesn't need to be a resolution. She explained that over \$400,000 had been budgeted to purchase voting equipment on a loan basis for all of the municipalities in the County. Because this is no longer an issue due to new equipment not being manufactured, she would like to use \$1,500 of this money to purchase a lap top computer that will be used for elections and County Board Meetings.

A motion to approve a budget transfer of \$1,500 to purchase a lap top computer was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

5. Resolution for budget transfer – 2009 overage – Corporation Counsel

John Bodnar advised he is over budget by \$2,430 due to unanticipated costs for legal services. He sent a labor case to outside counsel at the end of the year and it included appellate work which incurred additional printing costs.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$2,430 was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Lawrence Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

6. Resolution to obtain reimbursement for screening equipment – Child Support

Notification was given to Harvey Rengstorf that they would not be unable to attend.

7. Resolution to exclude publication of summons for Family Court for indigent persons – Lawrence Smith

Lawrence Smith advised that many times a divorce summons can not be served personally due to the inability to find the person to be served. The next step is then publication of the summons which many people can not afford and the court ends up having to dismiss the case due to failure to proceed with the publication. He would like to see publication waived and the Internet used for posting at the discretion of the Family Court Commissioner.

Family Court Commissioner Mark Fremgen advised that Wisconsin Statutes requires that the summons and petition be served within 90 days of it being filed. If it is not served within the 90 days, a 60 day extension can be requested. This is true for all court cases; criminal and civil. The Statute clearly states that all notices must be done by a certain type of newspaper circulation. He said posting it on a State Website is not a bad idea, but he believes the resolution would need to be modified to include the Wisconsin State Bar as it would be their Website. If they are behind the idea, they have a better chance of convincing the legislature to go this direction. He does not have any objections to this resolution but suggested that some changes should be made to it. Corporation Counsel John Bodnar was in agreement.

A motion to approve an amended resolution was made by Lawrence Smith, seconded by Donald Griesbach. Motion carried 4-1 with Bill Wingren being opposed. The amendments are to support sending legislation to amend the current laws to authorize the courts to allow publication by use of the State Internet Website and to add a paragraph that directs the County Clerk to give copies of the resolution to all legislators representing constituents within Winnebago County, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the president of the Wisconsin Bar Association, and to the office of Governor James Doyle.

8. Resolution to accept Homeland Security Grant for training – Sheriff's Office

Lt. David Mack advised that they have received a grant for \$19,580 to be used for training of SWAT Teams located within Winnebago County. The teams included are the Sheriff's Office, Neenah PD, Oshkosh PD, Appleton PD and Menasha PD. The National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) will be conducting the training in May of 2010. This training will be the first of its kind in the United States. This grant was given to the

Sheriff's Office due to their involvement as a Regional SWAT Team for the State of Wisconsin.

A motion to approve the resolution for acceptance of the \$19,580 Homeland Security grant was made by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Bill Wingren. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

9. Resolution to accept Homeland Security Grant to purchase specialty team equipment – Sheriff's Office

Lt. David Mack advised they received another grant for \$9,920 to purchase equipment to standardize the type of equipment that each team is currently deficient in. This money will be used to purchase Level 3 ballistic shields, breaching equipment, a cutting torch, and oxygen detectors. All of this equipment will be kept at the Sheriff's Office, but available to all law enforcement agencies in the region.

A motion to approve acceptance of the \$9,920 Homeland Security Grant was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Lawrence Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

10. Resolution for budget transfer – 2009 overage – Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Brooks advised that he was not notified that he was short an additional \$26,900 due to contract payouts for unused vacation or holiday time until after the County Board Meeting where a \$127,000 transfer was approved to cover the overage in overtime. This now requires that money be taken from the General Fund whereas the original \$127,000 did not require this. Finance requested that he try to get this transfer completed in time to go before the County Board at the March meeting. He has already received approval from the Personal and Finance Committee based on the approval of the Judiciary & Public Safety Committee.

A motion to approve the resolution for the budget transfer of \$26,900 from the General Fund was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Donald Griesbach. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

11. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Brooks advised that under Wisconsin Statutes, the Sheriff's Office is responsible for all search and rescue in the waterways contained within Winnebago County. Due to all of the activities and deaths that have occurred on the lake over the past year he asked Lt. Greg Cianciolo to talk about some of the Capital Equipment that was purchased.

Lt. Cianciolo advised that he has been on the Dive Team for about 11 years and when he first joined the team their equipment consisted primarily of sports diving equipment. Over the last 4-5 years they have made an effort to purchase commercial grade equipment which is more proper for the type of activities they are required to perform. This equipment has allowed for a larger area to be covered in a shorter period of time. They have purchased:

- Environmental Protection Dive suits. Their old suits leaked and exposed them to all of the environmental hazards associated with the type of diving they do. Some of the hazards have included exposure to airplane fuel, diesel fuel, sewage and toxic algae. This new suits offer complete protection to environmental

hazards and can be decontaminated by the fire department and used again. The old suits had to be destroyed.

- Full face masks, which again offer complete protection to environmental hazards. They also include microphones and headphones which allows the diver to communicate with the top-side line tenders. This communication allows for a more effective search pattern as they no longer need to use ropes and guess as to what the line tenders want the diver to do. It is also an officer safety issue due to the poor visibility caused by all of the debris dropped into the waterways over the years.
- Infrared underwater camera. This allows them to search the waterways without having to actually place a diver into the water. Use of the camera is not as good in the summer due to the lake quality, but it is great for use in the winter. They can drill a hole into the ice and drop the camera down to look around.
- High definition sonar unit. Allows for use as a camera during the summer months when they have zero visibility. This was just purchased so they have not had an opportunity to use it yet. Training with the unit will be done in spring.
- Husky Airboats have replaced the Hovercrafts. The airboats are safer and allow them to get in and out of more areas. They can be used in such a way that they do not need to put a diver into the water until they have located what they are looking for. The airboats are kept at the fire departments as they are able to man the boat and get the boat on the ice or in the water to attempt a rescue faster than the Sheriff's Office would be able to do.

The Sheriff's Office assisted the MEG Unit in a situation with a high-level cocaine dealer in the area. The Bear Cat was used which was purchased in 2005 through a Homeland Security grant.

There are a total of 334 inmates in the jail. 4 are State inmate, 3 are being held for Calumet County. There of 55 individuals on GPS and 54 on Day Reporting.

12. Items for Next Agenda

Resolution to obtain reimbursement for screening equipment – Child Support

13. Future Meeting Date

March 29, 2010

14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:52 a.m. by Donald Griesbach, seconded by Lawrence Smith. All in favor, motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office