

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
In person & via Zoom/Telephone

DATE: FEBRUARY 8, 2021

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
VICKI SCHORSE
MIKE BRUNN

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
KELLY SCHMITZ – SHERIFF'S
DAVID MACK – SHERIFF'S
BARBARA SPANBAUER – SHERIFF'S
SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
KELLY KUTZ – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
CHRISTIAN GOSSETT – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
JERRY BOUGIE – PLANNING & ZONING
DIANE CULVER – GIS
ADAM DORN – GIS
JULIE MABRY – CHILD SUPPORT
MORGAN HOFFMAN – HUMAN SERVICES

1. Call to Order

Chairman 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 January 11, 2021 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021 was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Mike Brunn. Carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

None

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Eisen discussed an email he had sent to the committee members regarding the Wisconsin Counties Association advertising a webinar about county redistricting.

Chairman Wingren commented on a statement the mayor and city council made asking the library to open up for "marginal" people so they have a place to go during these cold times as they are only allowed at the shelters for sleeping and then asked to go elsewhere during the day and it's not right.

5. Consideration/Vote: Proposed Resolution requesting support to pass a resolution to support increased Child Support funding for the states upcoming budget. – Julie Mabry

Julie discussed the legislative committee is proposing support to show the need to increase child support funding in the upcoming states budget. Julie stated they need support in passing a resolution to show the state that additional funding is still needed.

A motion to approve resolution requesting support to pass a resolution to support increased child support funding for the states upcoming budget was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

6. Connections Program Update – Christian Gossett

Christian stated the construction has been completed and they are able to start working out of the offices. Assessments are completed by Human Services on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There are currently 14 individuals going through the assessment process and there are currently 11 active people using the Connect Programs. There are 5 pending referrals and 2 who have signed the agreement but haven't met with Human Services to start their programs. There are 10 agencies with verbal agreements on joining services with the Connect Program and 4 of those currently have signed MOU's and services being provided.

Morgan Hoffman from Human Services also indicated there are currently 4 agencies with signed MOU's and they are still reaching out to other agencies. There are two others very interested in joining and those are Oshkosh Kids Foundation and KOTS Foundation.

7. Presentation/Discussion: Construction of an additional evidence garage on the current Sheriff's Office campus – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed the presentation that was going to be given by Kelly Schmitz who is the Evidence/Records Supervisor at the Sheriff's Office. He discussed the need for the additional garage wasn't needed 5 years ago but incidents and accidents are unexpected and now we are out of room and utilizing an unsecured garage on Butler Ave where there are multiple people that have access to tamper with the evidence. The new storage garage is needed on the Sheriff's Office property to ensure the safety and security of the evidence while ensuring only one individual has access to that evidence.

Kelly Schmitz gave a presentation on the current evidence situation at the Sheriff's Office and the need for the additional storage space to be built on the Sheriff's Office property. The new storage garage comes in around \$305,500.00 and it is being discussed with the facilities department as they would be heading up any construction of the building.

8. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz discussed the Meshnet Camera System and it's use at the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Matz discussed the newest statement by Governor Evers regarding the legalization of Marijuana in Wisconsin. He encourages everyone to reach out to other states who have legalized it to see the ramifications it has on the increase in crime, driving while under the influence and employers concerns about their employees coming into work impaired. He encourages everyone to do their research before making any decisions on whether or not it should be made legal in Wisconsin.

Sheriff Matz discussed the vaccinations and that 65-70% of the Sheriff's Office staff have opted to receive the vaccine and should be receiving their second doses in the next week or two.

Sheriff Matz discussed the COVID outbreak that occurred in the jail. Currently there are no cases of COVID in the jail but the testing process was quite extensive between inmates and staff for about a month timeframe.

Sheriff Matz discussed the State of Wisconsin stating they will no longer be paying for their inmates to stay at our facility until being transported to prison. The Sheriff and other Sheriffs around the state had discussed this and determined they will continue to charge the state until those inmates are picked up and taken to prison to serve their sentence.

Sheriff Matz discussed Project Lifesaver which is in conjunction with the Oshkosh Police Department. It is a device that people can wear if they have a habit of wandering off. This would allow law enforcement to be able to track them and find them quickly, especially in cold conditions like we are currently experiencing.

Sheriff Matz discussed the 2020 Annual Report and Use of Force summaries are completed and will be posted on our website for everyone to view.

Sheriff Matz then wanted to touch on comments made by some board members regarding the distribution of materials the Sheriff's Office delivers to committee members. Sheriff Matz relayed to the committee members that if there are concerns or questions about anything the Sheriff's Office does, they should come to him. There is a lot of misinformation being said to the county board members and he stated he would rather those individuals come to him to get the facts before giving out misinformation. One of the comments was regarding the Sheriff's Office deputies costing the county over \$2,700.00 to deliver county materials to committee members. Sheriff Matz indicated that this is a service the Sheriff's Office Deputies provide when they are working in the area of that committee member and if they are available to do so, they will hand deliver documents that may not get to them in time for the next meeting. This does not cost the county extra money to do as the deputies are all assigned to cover certain areas of the county and when their calls for service are down, they will then deliver these documents to the committee members residence.

Sheriff Matz brought up another comment relayed at a Safe Streets Meeting that he was unable to attend but where again misinformation was given before coming to him for the facts. The comment made was in regards to inmates who are in a recovery process from drugs or alcohol being allowed huber privileges to go out and continue receiving treatment. Currently with COVID, hubers are not allowed to leave the jail as it is unsafe to be having inmates going in and out of the facility not knowing if they have contracted the virus or not when they come back. It was also stated that Winnebago has a higher incarceration rate than surrounding counties when in actuality, Winnebago has the lowest incarceration rate compared to surrounding counties. Again, please see Sheriff Matz if you have any questions, comments or concerns before giving out misinformation to others.

Sheriff Matz indicated the current jail count was at 205 but only 130 of those are actually Winnebago County inmates.

9. Report/Discussion on County Supervisory Redistricting Process – Jerry Bougie

Jerry Bougie from the Planning & Zoning Department gave an overview of the process that needs to take place for redistricting. He also had Adam Dorn and Diane Culver available during the meeting as well as the GIS area assists with the mapping portion of the project. Jerry estimated approximately 60 days for them to make a tentative map.

10. Discussion on County Supervisory Redistricting Process – Committee

A. Scope & Sequence

B. Tentative Approval of Timeline

Sue Ertmer discussed the next elections process will be based off of the current district mapping so that will help with the timeline of the new redistricting process.

Vicki Schorse stated she believes board members could handle a larger portion of area and to keep that in mind before starting the redistricting process. Chairman Wingren stated he would like to have the size of the board determined by May so they can move forward with the redistricting process.

11. Suggested items for next agenda

12. Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 8, 2021

13. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:51am by Mike Brunn, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office