

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: MAY 9, 2016

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
LARRY SMITH
PAUL EISEN

EXCUSED: BILL ROH

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ - SHERIFF
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF
JUDGE KAREN SIEFERT – BRANCH 4
JUDGE JOHN JORGENSON – BRANCH 5
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF
MELISSA PINGEL – CLERK OF COURTS

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 11, 2016 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Smith, seconded by Tom Ellis. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Paul Eisen to make a correction to item #4 to read: “Paul Eisen discussed the Wisconsin Counties Association Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee meeting he attended on March 18th in Madison”. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Paul Eisen to add an addition to item #6 to read: “One member expressed concern over commercial transactions on public safety grounds where security for hosting a jailed population is the foremost priority.” All in favor, motion carried 1-3.

3. Public comments on agenda items

None

4. Communications

Paul Eisen reported on a Gannett Newspaper editorial in the May 7th Post Crescent related to the Neenah Police Standoff incident. He encouraged the committee members to read the article.

5. Discussion: Courthouse Security Update – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed that the Facilities Department is working on the bid process and only one construction company bid the project. He also stated the construction cost have increased so there could be some issues regarding the amount of money that was allocated for the project. Judge Seifert stated the next subcommittee meeting in regards to this project will be in July.

Sheriff Matz discussed the importance of having security within the courthouse. He reiterated that it was not per the employees to have security within the courthouse but more concern towards any disturbances that may have occurred in the past and keeping weapons out of the courthouse. He also discussed what would be allowed inside the courthouse past the security check point and what would not be allowed. The last issue that was addressed at the subcommittee meeting was the use of the courthouse after hours and limiting that to only necessary county meetings or court proceedings.

6. Discussion/Action: Preparedness for Summer events: Country USA, June 14-18, 2016; Lifest, July 07-10, 2016; Rock USA July 14-16, 2016; EAA, July 25-31, 2016 – Sheriff's Dept – John Matz

Sheriff Matz passed out packets containing After Action Reviews of all of the 2015 events, as well as all of the General Orders that address the preparedness and how we work with Emergency Management. There is a portable siren on site for any imminent weather conditions, such as severe thunderstorms or tornado watches/warnings. Emergency Management is involved with the events as far as any weather concerns that arise.

Sheriff Matz discussed that Country USA has as many as 47 deputies over a 24 hour period, Rock USA has as many as 45 deputies over a 24 hour period and EAA has as many as 4 deputies over a 24 hour period. Statistics from each of the 2015 events are detailed in the Annual Report located on the Sheriff's Office website.

Sheriff Matz address that any overtime costs generated are covered by the promoter so there is no budgetary impact on the Sheriff's Office budget. He addressed that this can cause employee morale issues as it is in their employment contract that deputies are not allowed to take time off during event dates. The Ford Festival grounds has just signed another 10 year lease with the Town of Nekimi. There could be additional events taking place out on the grounds around Country USA and Rock USA but they would not require nearly as many deputies as Country USA and Rock USA.

7. Resolution requesting Sheriff Matz to read the Declaration of Independence on Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2016

Sheriff Matz has agreed to read the Declaration of Independence on July 4th. This will be his 6th year reading the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse steps.

A motion to approve the resolution requesting Sheriff Matz to read the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2016, was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Paul Eisen. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

8. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz addressed that the new armored vehicle is ordered but may not be completed until 2017. The city is aware they will not be receiving our old armored vehicle until next year upon the arrival of the new armored vehicle.

Sheriff Matz discussed the Huber building and made the committee aware that all of our records have been cleaned out of the building.

9. Suggested items for next agenda

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 13, 2016

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:35 a.m. by Tom Ellis, seconded by Larry Smith. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office