

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

DATE: MAY 10, 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
SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
KELLY KUTZ – DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
BRIAN DEFFERDING – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
KOBY SCHELLENGER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
ERIK BRUCE – CITIZEN
LISA HANNEMAN – CITIZEN
JULIE MABRY – CHILD SUPPORT
DAVE MACK – SHERIFF'S

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 April 12, 2021 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from April 12, 2021 was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Mike Brunn. Carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

Citizen Erik Bruce spoke regarding medication distribution for inmates within the jail.

Citizen Lisa Hanneman spoke in support of the jail accreditation process.

Supervisor Brian Defferding spoke in regards to the Jail Accreditation process and his support to have the jail accredited and feels it would be a cost benefit to the county.

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

None

5. Consideration (Vote): Budget Transfer: Approve \$322,850 from the undesignated general fund balance for the Broad Street Boat House Repair project – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz explained the pilings underneath the boathouse have deteriorated from the foundation and need to be repaired before the entire boat house collapses. He is looking to have the boat house project completed during the summer months. The city has granted the Sheriff's Office ownership of the boathouse or would go into a 99-year lease on the property. The Sheriff's Office would have to have the permit in hand before any work can be completed but would like to get the project completed within a two-week process during the summer months.

A motion to approve the budget transfer of \$322,850 to repair the Broad Street Boat House was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 5-0.

6. Update on the Jail Accreditation process – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff Matz gave an update on the accreditation process. He indicated there are two issues at hand. One issue is the dental studio and annual cost with the dental suite. The suite itself would cost around \$200,000 and the annual cost for the suite would be \$35,000. The second issue is the one to one observation of active suicidal inmates. In looking into this for a two-month time frame for staffing it would cost around \$20,000 per month in overtime for staff to keep a watch on suicidal inmates.

Sheriff Matz indicated there is a one-time fee to become accredited at \$6,000 and then an annual \$3,000 to maintain accreditation. As of this time, the jail facility is currently in compliance with all the policies that are within the accreditation process.

Sheriff Matz also indicated that all inmate medications are reviewed by doctors. The jail cannot supply narcotic medications within the facility such as oxycodone, etc.

Chairman Wingren asked about a mobile dentist versus having a dental suite. The Sheriff responded by saying he would look into it but unless they could get the mobile unit within the sally port of the jail, that would then consist of moving an inmate into an unsecure area of the building but would look into a mobile dentist and see if it's possible to have them in the sally port when needed at the facility.

Supervisor Schorse also touched on looking into the mobile dental clinic as it would be more cost effective than a dental suite within the jail. Also, she asked about the one to one observation of suicidal inmates and inquired if it could be a nurse or another member to keep costs for overtime down. Sheriff Matz responded by saying if something happens, someone has to be able to respond immediately and that would have to be a deputy position.

Supervisor Eisen discussed that the Winnebago County Jail has not had any deaths within the facility but noted that Outagamie has had many deaths and Outagamie is currently in the accreditation process. Supervisor Eisen stated he fully supports the Winnebago County Jail going through the accreditation process as well and supports the expense of the accreditation.

Supervisor Brunn stated that the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office is already accredited but this is something different. Supervisor Brunn stated he supports the accreditation but too questions the dental suite aspect of it and isn't sure if it's necessary and if there are other options for emergency dental procedures that need to be looked into instead of having a dental suite.

Supervisor Schorse asked if there were any grants available to help fund items within the accreditation process and Sheriff Matz responded that he looked into that and there are currently no grants available but will continue to check throughout the process.

7. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz stated vaccinations will be offered in the jail this coming Thursday and Friday. They will have the Johnson & Johnson vaccine available for any inmate who would like to be vaccinated.

Sheriff Matz indicated they have looked into medical complaints that had been filed. There were 11 complaints that were looked into. 2 were substantiated, 1 was unfounded and 8 were false complaints. These mistakes were not made by jail staff but instead by the medical staff within the facility and since then medication distribution processes have been tweaked to prevent any further issues. Captain Mack described the current medication pass process to the committee members. Supervisor Schorse suggested inmates wear a wrist band with a bar code on it that the nursing staff can scan to ensure the right medication is getting to the right inmate. Captain Mack stated he would pass this suggestion along to the health care staff.

Supervisor Ellis asked Sheriff Matz about the status of Country USA/Rock USA/EAA. Sheriff Matz indicated that the Ford Festival grounds was bought out by a new promoter. They are possibly looking to have a weekend concert with no camping around the weekend of June 20th but nothing has been set in stone. The promoter is looking to have a larger event starting in 2022. Sheriff Matz stated EAA is taking place this year with social distancing and masking requirements.

Supervisor Ellis had asked what the jail population was today. Sheriff Matz responded that the jail currently had 251 inmates with 56 being contracted inmates. Sheriff Matz also indicated that all of the 24/7 Drug program participants are now going through the Winnebago County Connect Program and all 24/7 Alcohol participants will still be coming through the Sheriff's Office.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: County Board Size Process

Chairman Wingren gave Supervisor Schorse the floor to discuss the information she had sent to the committee members as far as the next steps in the process. Supervisor Schorse had put together a concept brief for the committee and discussed some of the topics on the brief.

Supervisor Schorse discussed former board size studies that had been conducted and reducing the board to 28 was recommended at those times. She was able to look at county comparisons within Wisconsin and noted that Winnebago County currently had one of the larger board sizes. She indicated that with the reduction to 28 board members, that would then allow each supervisor to have around 5,900 constituents under them. She cited the Wisconsin Statute that allows the authority to make the recommendation of the size reduction. She also stated that the reduction in supervisors would still allow adequate representation for county committees.

Supervisor Schorse stated the next steps on her concept brief are as follows:

- Present concept brief to county executive
- Present concept brief to county supervisors at a special orders meeting
- Hold a public forum for citizen input as well as the League of Women Voters input
- Final resolution to the county board

Chairman Wingren commented that each supervisor should represent the same number of constituents and it needs to stay the same no matter where they live. He also indicated that the committee should adopt the concept brief.

Supervisor Eisen asked the concept brief include somewhere in the summary a reference to the February of 2007 county board minutes where the reduction in size presentation by David Albrecht was given and at that time the recommendation of the board size was to go to 28 supervisors.

Supervisor Schorse said she will enter it in to the concept brief and then pass it around to the committee with the additional information from the February 2007 minutes.

A motion to approve the county board concept brief with modifications by Supervisor Eisen in regards to communication in county board size reduction from February 2007 was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Bill Wingren. Carried 5-0.

Supervisor Schorse then stated she would like to send an invitation to the political parties and the League of Women Voters to obtain their opinions and input. Supervisor Brunn stated they should leave it as a general invite and whoever would like to attend and give their input will attend. Chairman Wingren asked how they should send the invite out inquiring if the Oshkosh Herald would cover it. Supervisor Schorse indicated the Herald would cover it if they send something to them. Supervisor Eisen submitted a motion for a roll call vote.

A motion to approve the committee to contact political parties and the League of Women Voters for their opinions and solicitation of support was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Yes – 3 Eisen, Schorse, Brunn No – 2 Wingren & Ellis. Carried 3-2.

9. Suggested items for next agenda

Supervisor Schorse asked that the District Attorneys Office and Human Services provide written progress reports regarding the Connect Program on a monthly basis.

Supervisor Schorse asked for the accreditation update with the jail as it will have an impact on the budget for next year.

10. Next Meeting Date: Monday, June 14, 2021

11. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 10:24 am by Tom Ellis, seconded by Paul Eisen. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office