

REVISED

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JUNE 8, 2020

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

ALSO PRESENT: JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S
TODD CHRISTOPHERSON – SHERIFF'S
CHERYL BREHMER – CORONER
VICKY FITZGERALD – FINANCE
MARY ANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
BRIAN DEFFERDING – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
NATALIE STROHMEYER – REGISTER OF DEEDS
SUE ERTMER – COUNTY CLERK
STEVE LENZ – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR
MARK HARRIS – COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KRIS TEEGARDIN – CITIZEN
AMANDA HEISE – CITIZEN
DOUG GIERYN – PUBLIC HEALTH
AARON WOJCIECHOWSKI – CITIZEN
NICOLE NEUHOFF – COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR

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. Consideration of Minutes of March 9, 2020 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2020 was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

Citizen Kris Teegarden spoke in support of Brian Defferding's resolution regarding the legalization and decriminalization of Cannabis in the State of Wisconsin.

Citizen Aaron Wojciechowski also spoke in support of Brian Defferding's resolution in regards to legalization of cannabis and allowing the citizens to give their opinions on whether or not they want to see if legalized or non-legalized in the State of Wisconsin.

County Board Supervisor Steve Lenz spoke briefly about his resolution item on the agenda regarding the county board rule regarding remote meeting options. His intent of the change is to allow the committee chairmen to review certain situations and make a decision regarding remote meeting options.

County Board Supervisor Brian Defferding stated he was interested in talking about the protests as well as having questions regarding the Sheriff's Office Use of Force and Training for deputies.

Public Health Director Doug Gierny discussed an ordinance in regards to public health during pandemics and natural disasters. The ordinance was drafted and will be presented to everyone at a later date.

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

County Board Supervisor Vicki Schorse gave an update on her findings in regards to the "Winnebago County Connect" program. She sat down with Carol Morack to go over the program which is now under DHS. The meeting discussed the MAT Grant and how that money is to be used and open the grant money up to those who may not reside within Winnebago County but may need the programming based on their addiction. They are looking at outcome measures by groups and have peer support systems that may have an opportunity at some grant money as well. They are looking at securing more MOU's and working with a comprehensive budget. They are going to continue to develop a model for addiction treatment and the outcome measures for each group.

At 9:23am, Chairman Wingren asked the committee to skip ahead to item #7 due to other commitments that individual had.

7. Consideration (Vote): "Amend 2020-2022 Rules of the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors Regarding Remote Meeting Option" – Steven Lenz

County Board Supervisor Steve Lenz discussed the option to have the Committee Chairman or Vice Chairman attend meeting by virtual means should another pandemic or natural disaster occur. He indicated having one of them physically present for the meetings should any members of the public attend but to give other committee members the option to be there remotely instead of in person.

County Board Supervisor Paul Eisen expressed that this should be an emergency type situation and face to face meetings are the way to conduct business. Eisen did not endorse the resolution and recommends there should be an emergency basis only resolution for those committee members who are not able to attend.

Chairman Wingren moved to approve the resolution, County Board Supervisor Vicki Schorse seconded.

County Board Supervisor Vicki Schorse said it doesn't feel this is board approval appropriate but agrees there should be an emergency option. She stated committees should allow for virtual appearances but technology has proven to be unreliable during this pandemic but for emergency use only it makes sense for committee meetings but again only on an emergency basis.

County Board Supervisor Paul Eisen discussed the amended agenda item issues the County Clerk's Office could run into. County Clerk Sue Ertmer also added that not all County Board Supervisors have the capability or technology knowledge to be able to remote in from home.

Chairman Wingren also stated that not everyone has a camera device on their cell phones. Wingren rescinded his motion and County Board Supervisor Schorse also rescinded her motion as the resolution had already been approved by the I.S. Committee.

5. Update for the County Coroner's Office – Cheryl Brehmer

Coroner Cheryl Brehmer gave an update on her budget. She indicated autopsies are already at 61% of her budget with overdoses being up from last year as well as suicides. Oshkosh Correctional added an institutional “hospice” area at their facility. Inmate deaths are state mandated autopsies which is reimbursed by the state but it can take up to a year to obtain the reimbursement. On a positive note, travel costs will be going down due autopsies to going to the Fond Du Lac Medical Examiner's Office instead of the Milwaukee Medical Examiners Office.

6. Consideration (Vote): Fidler 3-year Land Records Life Cycle and Extension Agreement and Schedule D – Register of Deeds – Natalie Strohmeyer

Natalie Strohmeyer discussed the land records life cycle agreement and the contract is up for renewal. Fidler gave her a couple of options for pricing.

Option 1 over 3 year would be \$19,101 - New annual amount would increase \$6,367.

Option 2 with the current 39 Laredo Agreements additional cost average would be \$5,676 for each year with the current users. If same 39 Laredo agreements 3-year agreement would be \$17,028. Over 3-year extension savings would be \$2,073 over option 1. Option 2 would be a savings of \$2,073 over 3-year with current Laredo Agreements.

A motion to approve Option 2 of the Fidler 3-year Land Records Life Cycle and Extension Agreement and Schedule D was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 4-0.

8. Consideration (Vote): Resolution – “Enforce Policy on Excess Committee Days and Assign Proportional Committee Membership” – Joel Rasmussen

County Board Supervisor Schorse spoke on behalf of County Board Supervisor Joel Rasmussen in regards to this rule change. This was presented to the Finance Committee and passed 3-1. They would like to eliminate the excess days and deny the days in where committee members attend other committee meetings and submit for payment. Schorse indicated they would be following a State Statute of 30 days a year for the attendance of committee meetings by committee members and no excess days will be allowed for submittal of payment.

After some discussion, Schorse will be amending the resolution and taking out the wording from line 20 to the end of the resolution to clearly define the rule on the resolution.

A motion to approve the amended resolution for the enforcing of the policy on excess committee days and assign proportional committee members was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Bill Wingren. Carried 4-0.

9. Consideration (Vote): Proposed Rule Changes (see his attachment) – Michael Norton

County Board Supervisor submitted several rule changes. Chairman Wingren reviewed the rule changes submitted by Norton.

1. Add to the end of rule 7.1 – Any supervisor may submit a resolution on any subject to be placed on the agenda for that county board meeting as long as it is to the Corporation Counsel Office before noon on the Monday the week before the County Board meeting.

A motion was made to say no to the resolution of rule change 7.1 by Bill Wingren, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 4-0.

2. 22.01 – Add to the end – The time of any committee meeting or board shall be approved unanimously by the entire membership of the committee.

A motion was made to say no to the resolution of rule change 22.01 by Bill Wingren, seconded by Paul Eisen. Carried 4-0.

3. 23.10 – County Board members may speak at any time during any County Board or County Commission or Board after being recognized chair of that committee or board.

A motion was made to say no to the resolution of rule change 23.10 by Paul Eisen, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0.

4. 24.6 – Strike or eliminate Veterans Services and Child Support Agency and assign to the duties of the Human Services Board.

A motion was made to say no to the resolution of rule change 24.6 by Paul Eisen, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0.

5. 23.1 Create or Add
J-DIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – 7 MEMBERS AND 3 MUST BE COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

24.10 – DIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – A committee to discuss the diversity of the citizens of Winnebago County: how to educate the diversity and the culture of the people of Winnebago County to all within the county.

County Board Supervisor Paul Eisen recommended that County Board Supervisor Michael Norton obtain input from surrounding counties who have Diversity Affairs Committees and bring it back to the committee for further review.

A motion to move the resolution back to County Board Supervisor Michael Norton for more information in regards to the Diversity Affairs Committee was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Paul Eisen. Carried 4-0.

10. Consideration (Vote): “Authorize the Winnebago County Clerk to Publish a Notice of Referendum Regarding the Legalization and Decriminalization of Cannabis in the State of Wisconsin” – Brian Defferding

County Board Supervisor Brian Defferding presented a resolution regarding the legalization and decriminalization of cannabis citing the medical treatment benefits of it. He would like the gauge opinions of the citizens of this county as to whether or not they would support the legalization of Marijuana.

Chairman Wingren stated he would like citizens to reach out to their state legislature regarding this topic.

County Board Supervisor Vicki Schorse stated she is not for spending the money to put it onto a ballot and she too stated this should be handled at the state level and not at a county level. She recommends citizens speak with their state representative if they have opinions on this topic. She also discussed the research she conducted within the NIH (National Institution of Health) and the impacts Marijuana has on the younger generation as their brains are not fully developed until the age of 25. Legalization of Marijuana in other states has had a negative impact on law enforcement and an increase in crime and death. She is more for a sober society and would like to see everyone make good decisions.

County Board Supervisor Tom Ellis stated he too has done research on the legalization of Marijuana in other states and is not in support of the resolution.

County Board Supervisor Paul Eisen indicated that Outagamie recently did a study and their results went to the state for review after it was on the ballots there. He indicated it would be very helpful to see what the public thinks about the legalization of Marijuana.

Paul Eisen moved for approval of the Authorization of the County Clerk to Publish a Notice of Referendum regarding the Legalization and Decriminalization of Cannabis in the State of Wisconsin, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Approval failed by a 1-3 vote.

11. Consideration (Vote): Resolution requesting Sheriff Matz to read the Declaration of Independence on Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2020

County Board Supervisor Paul Eisen would like the resolution amended towards the bottom after the word “courthouse” to have in parenthesis (We will respect social distancing and masks).

A motion to approve the amended resolution requesting Sheriff Matz to read the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2020 was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Bill Wingren. Carried 4-0.

12. Consideration (Vote): 2-year contract (August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2022) for radio subscriber unit maintenance – Sheriff John Matz

Sheriff John Matz discussed the contract stating they would be switching vendors from Motorola to Baycom and saving money in making the switch.

A motion to approve the 2-year contract for radio subscriber unit maintenance was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 4-0.

13. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff John Matz presented the committee with information in regards to the Sheriff's Office Use of Force from 2019. There were 32 field incidents and 15 jail incidents.

Sheriff John Matz discussed a Propane Grant for \$10,000. As of right now, the propane has been suspended as the current propane company is shutting down. There is currently another vendor interested in continuing the propane service.

Sheriff John Matz indicated the jail count was at 188 today.

14. Suggested items for next agenda

15. Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 13, 2020

16. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:17am by Paul Eisen, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office