

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

DATE: JUNE 14, 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
KOBAY SCHELLENGER – COUNTY SUPERVISOR
MARYANNE MUELLER – CORPORATION COUNSEL
SHAWN GRIFFIN – CORPORATION COUNSEL
ETHAN HOLLENBERGER – COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S
ADAM DORN – PLANNING AND ZONING/GIS
JERRY BOUGIE – PLANNING AND ZONING
DIANE CULVER – PLANNING AND ZONING
MIKE ELDER – FACILITIES
ANN MARSHALL – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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 May 10, 2021 meeting

A motion to approve the minutes from May 10, 2021 was made by Mike Brunn, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

3. Public comments on agenda items

Citizen and League of Women Voters representative Ann Marshall spoke on behalf of the redistricting process and finding out any updates on that topic of discussion.

4. Communications shared by Committee Members

Supervisor Schorse mentioned a 20/20 episode on active shooter supply kits and asked if the county has those for the larger events that are hosted every year and also for within the schools. She also asked if there is grant funding available to make the kits.

Sheriff Matz responded by indicating the Sheriff's Office does have kits available during large scale events and in the squads and they have been utilized in the past. Right now they are working on obtaining sponsors for the school kits to ensure they have the supplies available to them as well.

5. Consideration (Vote): Resolution requesting Sheriff Matz to read the Declaration of Independence on the Courthouse Steps on July 4, 2021

Chairman Wingren discussed the event that will take place on July 4th at 8am in front of the courthouse. Everyone is invited to attend.

A motion to approve the Sheriff reading the Declaration of Independence on the courthouse steps was made by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

6. 980 Sex Offender Status Update – MaryAnne Mueller, Mike Elder, John Matz, Adam Dorn, Jon Doemel and Ethan Hollenberger

MaryAnne Mueller gave an update on their meeting with the city regarding adding housing in the trailer area next to the Sheriff's Office. MaryAnne received a positive response from the city on adding additional housing to that site. The next step is to obtain a conditional use permit and working on the configuration proposal.

Mike Elder discussed the next steps would also include design plans for the additional housing to accompany the proposal. He indicated the housing unit would be very similar to a studio apartment type living unit. He is hoping for final approval on the plans by fall.

7. Discussion: Status of Medical Examiner for Winnebago County

Chairman Wingren asked if anyone knew the status of the moving forward of possibly changing the Coroner position to a Medical Examiner and what the next steps would be in the process to change it to a Medical Examiner position.

Supervisor Eisen brought forward a document Supervisor Schorse had put together for the Medical Examiner Process in the past. This document was reviewed by Supervisor Eisen to the committee and will be sent to all members after the meeting. Supervisor Eisen asked that Supervisor Schorse go through the document again and update it so they can review what the next steps in the process would be.

Supervisor Schorse indicated she would like to sit down with the current acting coroner, Cheryl Brehmer, and obtain her advice and perspective on the position as she has been doing a wonderful job filling in and would have some great insight on the next steps moving forward.

8. Discussion/Possible Action: County Board rules on process for submitting agenda items

Chairman Wingren stated he would like to clean this process up and wanted the committee members opinions on this topic.

Supervisor Brunn stated the whole reason he joined the county board was because it was supposed to be non-partisan and agrees with Chairman Wingren that lately the agenda items have been going off of track of county business items when being submitted to the board.

Supervisor Ellis stated the last year and a half the resolutions coming in are not all about county business and those items should go through committees as far as agenda items and not to the full board.

Supervisor Eisen reviewed rule 8.0 in the rule book regarding Written Agendas and the process that is supposed to be followed regarding the rule to submitting written agenda items.

9. Discuss progress for County Supervisory Redistricting process

Supervisor Schorse discussed the next steps which include:

- Final draft of committee document for basis of communications with the board
- Concept summary presentation at a Special Orders meeting
- Public Forum meeting
- Final resolution present to County Board of Supervisors

Due to a delay in the census, the next election process would not be until 2024 and reducing the size of the board from 36 to 28 members.

Supervisor Eisen discussed the history of the board size and the need to go to 28 members versus 36 members.

10. Consideration (Vote): Reclassify 5 part time Correctional Deputy positions to full time to enhance recruiting efforts. Already budgeted to work full time hours – Sheriff Matz

Sheriff Matz discussed there used to be 10 part time positions and it has been reduced to 5 part time positions. This change is just moving the part time positions to full time on the organizational chart. The positions are already budgeted at full time but were on the organizational chart as part time due to flexibility of the schedule. Changing the positions to full time would attract more interested for applicants as it would then be posted as a full-time position on the job posting.

Supervisor Brunn asked about the flex schedule and if that would be an option still to the newer employees coming in. Sheriff Matz responded by stating the jail is so short staffed that new employees are slotted right away so the change would hopefully allow the jail to become fully staffed to where the flex schedule would still apply to new members.

A motion to approve the reclassifying of 5 part time Correctional Deputy positions to full time was made by Tom Ellis, seconded by Vicki Schorse. Carried 5-0.

11. Sheriff's Report

Sheriff Matz discussed the summer events. The promoter who took over the lease at Ford Festival Concert grounds has decided to cancel any music events this year but is looking forward to bringing them back in the Summer of 2022. EAA is still a go for this year and camping registration is at it's highest point going above the camper registration from 2019.

Sheriff Matz discussed that body cameras are being distributed this week within the jail. Any interaction with the inmates will be recorded and stored.

Sheriff Matz presented an update on the jail accreditation stating they are still waiting to hear back from the medical contractor to see if the accreditation would change the existing contract with them and what the associated cost would be. The other issue is the overtime that would be needed to maintain 24-hour watch and care for suicidal inmates. The average overtime cost for that right now is around \$20,000.

Sheriff Matz stated the jail count was currently at 241 with 53 of those inmates being contracted inmates.

12. Suggested items for next agenda

Chairman Wingren asked Supervisor Schorse to have an update on the medical examiner position. Chairman Wingren stated he would have the DA's Office provide an update on the Connect Program.

13. Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 12, 2021

14. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:59 am by Vicki Schorse, seconded by Tom Ellis. Carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kimberly Delcore
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office