

WINNEBAGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: JUDICIARY & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

PLACE: WINNEBAGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RICHARD MEYER COMMUNITY RESOURCE ROOM
4311 JACKSON STREET, OSHKOSH

PRESENT: HARVEY RENGSTORF
BILL WINGREN
BILL ROH
PAUL EISEN

EXCUSED: TOM ELLIS

ALSO PRESENT: KATHLEEN DIEDRICH – CHILD SUPPORT
BARB ENGELMAN – CHILD SUPPORT
JOHN MATZ – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
CHERILYN EISCHEN – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
MARK HABECK – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
BARB SPANBAUER – SHERIFF'S OFFICE
JOHN BODNAR – CORPORATION COUNSEL
ANN MARSHALL – LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
BERNARD SORENSON – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
JENNIFER WOLDT – OSHKOSH NORTHWESTERN

Chairman Harvey Rengstorf called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Approves minutes from April 18th and 21st

Amended minutes from March 14, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes from April 18, April 21 and March 14 was made by Bill Wingren. Bill Roh seconded the motion with the exception that the following amendments be made:

- Agenda item #2 on the March 14 amended minutes to be amended again to reflect that the motion to adjourn the meeting failed 2-3 and that Tom Ellis was also opposed to the motion and...
- Agenda #1 from the April 18 minutes be amended to reflect that only Tom Ellis' name was to be added as being opposed which correctly specifies what the original amendment to the March 14 minutes should have been.

All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

2. Communications

Harvey Rengstorf received a letter from Robert Stone of the Veteran's Office thanking the committee for supporting the Veteran's Trust Fund and asked him to thank everyone.

3. Input on agenda items by public

None.

4. Resolution 197, 198, 199-2011: Authorized fees for Statement, Payment History, and Withholding Notices prepared by Child Support Agency

Kathleen Diedrich advised that she requested a postponement on this matter due to there being questions with regard to the Winnebago County Bar Association wanting more explanation, along with some members of the County Board, in regards to the fees that would be charged.

This fee would enable Child Support to be paid for their services in cases that have not been assigned to them by anyone, they are not paid by the State, and the participant is not receiving any State aid. The fee would be \$35 to fill out an application for the services of child Support and it would need to be paid before the services of Child Support would begin.

An informational packet was handed out and after many questions and much discussion the committee did not want to make a decision until they felt they had a better understanding of this fee.

A motion to postpone this matter until the next meeting to give the committee more time to review the informational packet and ask questions was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Bill Roh. Motion failed 2-2 with Harvey Rengstorf being opposed and Bill Wingren abstaining.

Prior to adjournment of the meeting this matter was brought back for further discussion and Bill Wingren moved to reconsider his earlier abstain vote. After a brief discussion, Bill Wingren made a motion asking Chairman Harvey Rengstorf to rule on acceptance of changing his abstain vote to a yes vote in regard to being in favor of postponing this matter until the next meeting. The earlier motion to postpone this matter until the next meeting now carried 3-1, with Harvey Rengstorf being opposed.

5. Resolution to Purchase Food Tray Conveyor – Sheriff Matz

The conveyor in the kitchen of the jail needs to be replaced as it is no longer repairable. The cost would come out of the Jail Assessment fund.

A motion to approve this resolution was made by Paul Eisen, seconded by Bill Wingren. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

6. Discussion on Ice and Water Rescue

The discussion revolved around charging a fee to individuals who do not notify law enforcement that they made it to safety after their vehicles, including snowmobiles, go through the ice or whose boat may have capsized in open water. Not knowing that the individuals are safe leaves rescue personnel thinking they have a search and rescue situation. This places rescue personnel at unnecessary risk and also costs the agency a lot of money.

John Bodnar felt that this should not be an ordinance violation. He suggested that the ordinance should authorize the Sheriff to bill the responsible party for the costs associated to their services and gave several options as to how this could be accomplished. He further suggested that the ordinance should also authorize the Sheriff to charge a fee related to the costs of the equipment that was needed to investigate the situation; not to exceed a certain amount.

There was also discussion as to charging for other incidents such as the costs associated to taking gas to a boater who ran out of gas and other situations. It was then determined that these are two different types of situations and only the matter in regards to individuals who do not notify law enforcement that they are safe should be addressed at this time.

A motion for a resolution to be drafted only in regards to billing individuals who do not notify law enforcement that they are safe, whether it is an ice or open water incident, for the costs associated with the search and rescue efforts was made by Bill Wingren, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

7. Update of PSAP

Cherilyn Eischen advised that the PSAP study is on schedule. The preliminary draft for review should be done by May 13 and the final draft is due June 8. As part of the study, surveys were done with all three counties, Focus Groups were done with fire, police, IT personnel, employees/users, and observation of each Dispatch Center was done.

She also gave a brief Power Point presentation in an effort to help eliminate some of the confusion regarding the terminology used in regards to the radio system. By January 2013 the Sheriff's Office will need to be narrow-banded or they will be fined and the system could be shut off as the FCC is monitoring the status. The County Board will need to decide to either stay with the current VHF system or go to the 700 MHZ trunking system. A new system will be needed by 2017/2018 regardless.

There was lengthy discussion regarding VHF frequencies versus 700 MHz trunking and towers. It was decided that the Sheriff's Office would bring the layout options, to include the cost of each option and what each option will provide, to the committee at a future date.

8. Discussion of April 21, 2011 Courthouse Tour

Paul Eisen was not able to attend the tour, but he did have an opportunity to meet with one of the court clerks to get an overview of what the problems are and he felt they were reasonable concerns. Others who attended the tour felt it was well done and informative.

9. Discussion of May 3, 2011 County Board District Maps meeting

Harvey Rengstorf wanted to know what the committee wanted done at the next meeting regarding which map option he should bring forward to the Board. After discussing what Option 2 and Option 3 had to offer, a motion was made by Bill Wingren to present the Option 3 map to the County Board, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

10. Update of Criminal Justice Study

The presentation by Kimme and Associates has been postponed from May until June. Also included in the study is the viability of long-term use for the Work Release Center.

11. Items for next agenda

- Update on record retention
- Resolution 197, 198, 199-2011: Authorized fees for Statement, Payment History, and Withholding Notices prepared by Child Support Agency

12. Future meeting date

June 13, 2011 9:00 a.m.

13. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 11:03 a.m. by Paul Eisen, seconded by Bill Roh. All in favor, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted:
Sandy Schauz
Winnebago County Sheriff's Office