DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2, 2018

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Dan Hilbert - excused
Larry Bischoff
Thomas NIckel
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Mittelstadt, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Nickel. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Nickel to approve Minutes of January 5, 2018; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Sciascia requested permission from the Committee to allow DA funds to cover Peggy Novak's registration fee and mileage to participate at the upcoming Security Seminar. He explained that previous years attendees were paid for by a grant, but this year only judges' registrations are being covered, not support staff. This will come out of the DA budget. Bischoff moved to cover the registration fee and mileage for Peggy Novak to attend the Security Seminar totaling $306.00 with a second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Judge Bauer reported that Mock Trial competition will take place in the Justice Facility on February 10. Security for this event is paid by the County and members of the Committee are welcome to attend.

Judge Bauer explained how Guardian ad Litem and appointed counsel fees are both billed out and collected. He would like to raise both the reimbursement amount and the amount charged out increased. GAL hours are billed out at $75.00 per hour, appointed counsel hours are billed out at $62.50 per hour. The Judge pointed out there there is a wide variation in what counties

reimburse for these fees. Kurt Klomberg added that there is a diminishing number of attorneys who will take court appointments in the county, so we also have to reimburse for mileage and drive time.

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg reviewed his year-end summary of cases with the Committee. He pointed out that the amount of cases charged could include multiple counts. The office goal is to charge within set amounts of time. Some increases are a result of changes in the law, while some decreases are a result charges going to municipal courts. Kurt went over some of the details of types of cases that they see coming through his office.

Bob Barrington reported regarding the Spillman project which is still not up and functioning. Shawn Rogers from the Sheriff's Office is still working on this. Code changes are being tested internally by Spillman.

Bob also informed the Committee of a proposed resolution to carry-over funds from 2017 to 2018. Bob again have a history on the expert witness fees and elaborated on there will most likely be a large amount needed for 2018. Nickel moved to approve a $20,000 carry-over of funds from 2017 to 2018 with a second by Bischoff. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt was able to use Spillman numbers for his update today and felt that these numbers are more accurate than those previously obtained using New World.

10 members of the Office will be attending a Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) class. Every supervisor will at some point need to go through this class that will solidify skills. Scott Mittelstadt is a trainer for that class so that is a benefit for the Sheriff's Office budget.

The Sheriff also reported on promotions and vacancies in the jail.

Sheriff Schmidt has been meeting with other agency chiefs and they are collaborating on how to work better together, from how minor complaints received might be handled to an exchange of schedules, in order to more efficiently handled different types of cases.

He further reported that all 4 of the substations are now up and running so that deputies can work on reports closer to any incident and be back on the road sooner.

Scott Mittelstadt presented 3 line transfer items from the 2017 budget, including increased revenue from the jail to cover the accompanying increased expenses and a transfer to cover health costs.

Last year Walmart replaced some of the TV's in dispatch and also donated some laptops. It is the intent to donate those laptops to the state explorer association for raffle items in order to raise funds for the Explorer program. These laptops are Google Chrome Books that are not able to be used on county systems.

The DCELEA award banquet will be held on February 18, 2018 at Old Hickory and the Committee was encouraged to attend.

Carry-over amounts requested from 2017 are approximately $17,000 for the coded channel project – some of the equipment had been on backorder and wasn't received or paid for in 2017. Mobile radios also did not come in on time for approximately $36,000 and budgeted funds of $228,000 to pay for new squads. These total approximately $281,000. This is a combined resolution that will be going through the Finance Committee also.

Other business: Barb Brandt gave the information presentation at this meeting with Judicial Assistant duties. Barb distributed copies of her job description along with "intake" information and an example of the block scheduling that the Judicial Assistants produce. She explained in more detail some of the duties and responsibilities that are on the formal job description and how each judge/branch do things uniquely, and how each JA has to know enough about each branch in order to cover if that judge's JA is unavailable.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Nickel to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Larry Schraufnagel, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary