

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
December 4, 2015**

**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  
Darrell Pollesch  
Lisa Derr  
Larry Bischoff  
Larry Schraufnagel

**Also Present:** Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

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

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of November 6, 2015; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**Communications:** None

**Announcements:** None

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Judge Sciascia reported that a meeting with the contractors for a review of the upgrades will have to be rescheduled. Judge Bauer informed the Committee that he has appointed Judge Sciascia as Chairman of the Security Committee. Judge Sciascia then further informed the LE Committee that there are 3 sub-committees: One as a capitol improvements and equipment sub-committee that will put together a priority wish list, another as a training sub-committee to schedule trainings on an annual basis, and he hopes to schedule a full courthouse staff training, and a third a Policies & Procedures sub-committee.

Judge Bauer reported that 2 prior employees of Alcohol Court are receiving unemployment compensation. Approval was made to go back to the old alcohol court budget to pay them.

Atty. Jacquelyn Wolter has been appointed by Judge Bauer as a representative to the Crime Prevention Fund. Judge Bauer explained a prior program that had been eliminated by the State and how this new Fund collects funds equally from all offenders. His appointment of Atty. Wolter was made to make sure there was no conflict of interest for the judiciary. The Sheriff reported that he is in the process of setting up an organization meeting and that hopefully this would take place before the end of the year.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** Lynn Hron reported that there have been some CCAP issues that her office is working through.

The preparation of the "family friendly" rooms is moving forward.

**Child Support Report:** No report.

**District Attorney Report:** DA Klomberg reported that the Assistant District Attorney who had been out for a medical issue was now back and that things are going well. They are working on clearing out any backlogs so the case filings are higher right now.

**Medical Examiner Report:** No report.

**Sheriff Office Report:** Sheriff Schmidt reported that "Text to 911" is now operational. The Office has been on public media to get the word out including using the digital billboard in Beaver Dam. He also reported that 65% of the people listed on the "Most Wanted" list have been apprehended since April.

The new employee scheduling program should be up and running in the next couple of months.

He reported that the current Jail Administrator will be retiring and the search for a replacement will be both internal and outside sources in order to find the most qualified person.

The Shop with Cops program will be held on December 12 and activities would be at Bayside in Beaver Dam and area stores.

The Sheriff recognized Scott Smith for all the work he put into the 911 project along with help with the budget and the new evidence building. The Committee extended their congratulations.

Scott Smith informed the Committee that a carry-over request would be coming regarding payment of the back-up radio system purchase. The Vendor is not able to install the system until next year so the money won't get paid out until the work is done in 2016.

He reported that finishing work is being done on the impound/evidence building. It is just a matter of heating and climate control, and the building will have been completed on schedule. This will be a significant addition for the department as spaces currently used for storage will open up and may be used for the squads.

While there had been a shortage of contract detainees, the numbers for November are up significantly. There is hope that this continues for the future.

Scott explained to the Committee the resolution that will be going to the Finance Committee. The main issue was a shortfall because of the shortage in contract beds. The Sheriff's Office has been working closing with the Finance Department to keep track of the amounts. Overtime was also a difficult area because the previously used program for scheduling did not accurately project or track overtime and compensatory time.

A savings regarding New World will help the budget. Scott reported that service with New World will continue until the end of 2017.

The contract with Professional Security Solutions will be a one year contract.

A one year contract has also been signed with the inmate health provider. Inmate Health Care has been the service provider since 2010, and provides both mental health and nursing hours. This new amendment clarifies amounts of time provided by the vendor. There was discussion on how the jail is being put into a difficult position of having the jail used as for emergency detention, and that sometimes budgets are taking priority over the concerns regarding referrals to mental health institutions as opposed to incarcerating offenders. The Committee is concerned about this public health safety issue, and that the jail should not be used to keep mentally ill people. These increases are a direct result of drug use by local residents.

A motion was made by Derr for the purchase of 5 budgeted new vehicles for 2016, with a second by Schraufnagel. These are for Ford Interceptor vehicles and the amounts are within the budgeted amounts. Motion carried.

**Other business:** An informational presentation was made at this meeting by Deputy Gib Fairman, K9 handler and his K9 partner Ziva. Deputy Fairman and Ziva have been together for five years. Ziva is a narcotics and tracking K9. He informed the Committee that Ziva's biggest find so far has been 35 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$160,000, and as a team they average around 16 finds per month. He explained to the Committee the process for selecting a dog to use in this type of work, along with the ongoing training they participate in along with the certification process. Deputy Fairman has taken over a lot of the work with the recent golf fundraiser, and the Sheriff's Office continues to receive donations toward the K9 program. A third K9 is not out of question for the future. He informed the Committee that Dodge County currently has 7 K9's in service, 2 of those in the Sheriff's Office and the remainder in local communities.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, January 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Pollesch to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m..

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

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Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary

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Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary