

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
February 5, 2016**

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: James Mielke, County Administrator; 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 Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Sgt. Michael Willman, Sheriff's Office; 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 January 15, 2016; second by Derr. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements/Committee Member Reports: Chair Miller reported on the WCA Steering Committee on Justice and Public Safety meeting she attended. There is a "Step Up Program" what deals with mental health issues in jails. The statistics show that in the general population approximately 5% of people have a serious mental health issue, compared to 17% of people incarcerated having serious mental health issues. 5% of the counties in Wisconsin are participating in this program.

She reported regarding bills before the State Senate and Assembly this week regarding coroner/medical examiners offices. ME Schoebel commented on these bills. One of these bills was regarding fees charge by those offices and the second bill is in regard to standards and training. Included in this bill are methods for what is reported and by whom.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer explained the overage in the line item for psychiatric evaluations. While this item went over budget, the collections for appointed counsel fees and Guardian ad Litem fees were also more than anticipated. It will still be necessary to transfer line items. He is working with Finance and the Clerk of Courts office to put safeguards in place so that this will not happen again. The accounting systems have not previously been in

place but they are looking to do that at this time. Judge Bauer explained that the current issues started with bills of 2014 that were not timely submitted and this complicated the subsequent shortfall. He explained that the Courts do not have any control over the number of cases that are filed. He emphasized that they are moving toward a more accurate accounting system. In order that the Committee could understand the way these fees are incurred, he explained the process that the Courts need to follow in any contested guardianships, probable cause determinations and NGI pleas. DA Klomberg also made comments regarding the use of the monies spent in this area.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron informed the Committee that her office will now be collecting all fines in criminal cases. The DOC used to collect some of the fines, but now all monies are to be collected by the Clerk of Courts Office. She pointed out that this does make additional work for her office. She explained this new procedure and how they are getting defendants to her office to set up payment plans. They are even encouraging people to set up wage assignments, and are receiving a good response to this. The District Attorney commented that this system will be a benefit for victims in receiving restitution.

Child Support Report: No report

District Attorney Report: No report

Medical Examiner Report: No report

Sheriff Office Report: The Sheriff testified at the Capital on a bill that would impact Probation & Parole. He explained the process of probation holds and the reimbursement that the County receives from the State. There was also some discussion on division of funds from civil forfeitures split between school funds and law enforcement.

His department is still doing well with the number of federal detainees being held in our jail and they are working carefully to keep these numbers up.

Sheriff Schmidt reported that the jail is having problems with the pipes corroding in that building similar to the issue the Justice Facility experienced a few years ago. This will be a major project that will require movement of inmates as areas are being worked on.

A discussion regarding Emergency Detentions will be tabled for another meeting. Basically mental illness is becoming a larger issue and he believes it is directly connected to the drug problem.

The Sheriff reported on the success of the local Explorer Post at the State level and numerous awards the Explorers brought back. Six of those Explorers will be travelling to Arizona for a national conference. 2 Advisers will also be travelling to that Conference. Chair Miller attended the recent Explorer night.

The Sheriff advised Committee that to fill a position takes approximately 180 days from a posted vacancy to fill a position in the Sheriff's Office compared to 45 days for the rest of the County. He is going to be working to see if changes can be made in order to shorten the Civil Service hiring process.

Anthony Brugger has been promoted to Captain-Jail Administrator.

The requested carryover of 2015 budgeted funds is from the radio annex resolution. That resolution was approved last November in order to take advantage of the lower cost offered that month. This again was for the emergency radio annex to be set up in Beaver Dam.

It was reported that the Sheriff's Office will be return approximately \$190,000 to the general fund. These funds were not needed because of the increase in the contract beds for both November and December. There will also be a return to the sales tax fund from the 911 project.

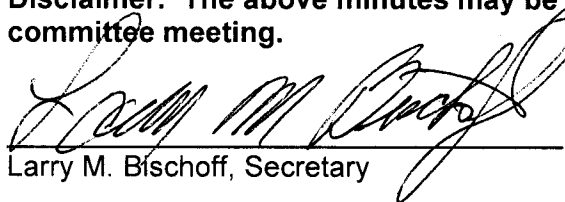
The billboard that is in Beaver Dam by the radio station has been well received regarding the "text to 911". This is free for the County, with the billboard company donating time for public service announcements.

Other business: Sgt. Michael Willmann from the Sheriff's gave the information presentation today on the Sheriff's Citizen Academy that recently completed it's first class. Participants were able to visit the jail, had presentations regarding OWI investigations, conducting traffic stops, active shooter situations among others. The Sheriff's Office hopes to be able to utilize Academy alumnae in the future. 10 individuals participated and they hope to have 15 next year. Chair Miller participated in this program and encouraged others to do so also.

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

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. by chair.

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


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary


Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary