

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
March 4, 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; 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; Scott Petrack, Dodge County Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Russ Freber, Maintenance Department; Jeff Berres, County Board Member for District 20; Neal Stippich, Jeffrey Schmitt & Mark Bobholz, residents of the Town of Beaver Dam; Dan Banes, resident of the Town of Westford; Chief Matthew Christian and Alan Mannel of the City of Beaver Dam Fire Department; 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 Pollesch. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Derr to approve Minutes of February 5,, 2016; second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer deferred report to the Clerk of Courts as Lynn Hron would be reporting regarding the Mandatory eFiling passed by the Supreme Court.

Clerk of Courts Report: Mandatory eFiling for Civil, Family, Paternity and Small Claim types of cases was approved by the Supreme Court on February 23, 2016 with an effective date of July 1, 2016. Attorneys will be required to file the above 4 cases types electronically with the roll-out of this system happening on a county by county basis. She explained that the eFiling fee right now was \$5.00 per case and that this fee will be increasing to \$20.00 per case. Lynn feels that Dodge County, because of this county's experience with both paperless and electronic filing, will be one of the first counties that will have mandatory eFiling. She further reported that interactive sessions using the Dodge County IT training room have been scheduled for both attorneys and their support staff where "trainers" will be Bob Barrington, Judge Storck and also Michelle from the Clerk of Courts Office.

Pro Se litigants will still be allowed to file using paper.

Dodge County is still piloting using e-filing in criminal cases. DA Klomberg pointed out that a handful of local attorneys are regularly opting in for this. It is a time-saver that saves the County money.

Government offices are exempt from paying the fees.

Lynn also reported that there are now 2 family conferences rooms where people that need to be filling out documents can use when they have children with them. There is one on both the ground floor and the second floor of the Justice Facility.

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg reported that his office will be conducting their annual training for Law Enforcement officers at the Sheriff's Office. There are many new justice statutes that they will be reporting on. Judge Storck will also be making a presentation during this time regarding the TAD program. Smaller law enforcement agencies in the County usually send a representative to these trainings.

Medical Examiner Report: Although changes had been made to a Bill previously in the Legislature regarding death investigations, the training and standards portions were left in and the Bill passed, and this would require licensing to conduct death investigations.

Regarding staffing in his department, ME Schoebel advised that he has started reviewing applications for the chief deputy and deputy medical examiners.

He handed out charts of his 2015 numbers although they have not yet been finalized because there are still some pending 2015 cases. There are approximately 900 deaths in the County each year, with the number of cremations significantly increasing. He sees this trend continuing into the future. The number of autopsies is a bit higher in Dodge County, but he feels this is due to the number of inmates/institutions that are in the County.

The meeting recessed at 9:40 and reconvened at 9:45 a.m.

Sheriff Office Report:

Deviation of Agenda for Discussion regarding Water rescue/recovery as first item: As the first item of business at today's meeting, Sheriff Dale Schmidt explained to the Committee the State Statutes relating to his duties regarding public safety and the ability to charge for services. He explained equipment that his department currently has along with what would be available from mutual aid departments from both within Dodge County and surrounding communities regarding water rescue and recovery who provide their services at no charge.

The Sheriff stated that it would be an expensive duplication of services for Dodge County to be forming its own dive team.

The options put forth are:

1. Fund a dive team/water rescue team through the Sheriff's Office.
2. Fund Beaver Dam Fire & Rescue

3. Continue under the current plan that he feels works very well.

There was extension discussion and questions from both the Committee and attendees from the public regarding the municipalities that border Beaver Dam Lake including who provides coverage, the division of costs assessed to individual municipalities in the County and why Dodge County should fund its own dive team when these services are already being provided. The Chief of the BD Fire Department commented on timing needed in an incident and how this affects if the incident was for rescue or recovery. County Administrator James Mielke advised or the total cost for equipment being requested by BD Fire Department and how the division would be made to other government entities. The County is already meeting the requirements of the State Statutes.

Chair Miller stated that no votes would be taken at the meeting today, and there would be upcoming discussion at the Executive Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Derr to form a diverse committee to study this issue with a second by Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Agenda Order Sheriff's Office Report: Russ Freber, Maintenance Head, spoke to the Committee regarding the corrosion taking place in the pipes of the Detention Facility. He showed photographs of the corroded pipes and explained that this was a similar problem to the corrosion experienced in the Justice Facility where all the pipes have been replaced with PVC. He explained the background of when the cast iron pipes were purchased and what was going to take to replace the cast iron. He has contacted a contractor and plumbing engineer to get quotes for both architectural and engineering services for this project. Every effort will be made to cause as little disruption to the jail as possible. Russ will be going to the Executive Board on Monday and hopefully to the County Board in April to get permission to proceed so that bids can get back in August. He explained that this problem will not go away, but decisions will have to be made on how to fund the project. No Statutes say that the County has to bid out for the professional services and the original contractors when the building was built are familiar with the situation.

A resolution was brought before the Committee for the purchase of a new boat for the water safety program. (This is a separate issue from the fire/rescue presentation done at the beginning of this meeting.) The water safety program is staffed by Scott Petrack, the recreation officer. The proposed boat purchase will replace the current, and that one will go to auction. Part of the purchase price for the new boat will also be reimbursed by the DNR, amortized over 5 years. The committee was advised that 2 personal watercraft are also used by the Sheriff's Office that were donated. Two proposals were received and the Cedar Lake Sales quote was the one used for this Resolution. Motion was made by Bischoff to accept the Resolution for the purchase of a new boat with a second by Derr. Motion carried.

Sheriff Schmidt reported on improvements that he will be making to the medical staff for the jail that he wants addressed by April or May.

The Sheriff is investigating the placement of offenders in Brownsville and/or Reeseville and will be following up on those issues.

The interview process for hiring in the patrol division is ongoing while the Civil Service process remains a problem.

The Jail Administrator position has been filled and Sheriff Schmidt hopes to fill the deputy administrator position in the next month or so, but he has to wait for civil service to conduct interviews and civil service tests.

Captain Frost is responsible for the Sheriff Office's drone. This will be used in search & rescue, on accident sites, over lakes and for crash reconstruction.

Scott Smith reported on the security improvements that will be made to Pod J – the Huber Pod. New equipment will be added in order to remotely open/close doors in that facility.

Pollesch moved to purchase a new transport van for corrections with a second by Schraufnagel. The current van has over 500,000 miles on it and this is also a budgeted purchase. Motion carried.

There is also a Resolution before the Committee for the purchase of 6 new Motorola radios. The Sheriff's Office would like to replace radios as new squads are purchased and start a replacement plan, and the radios are over 10 years old. Schraufnagel moved to approve the resolution with a second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Other business: The informational presentation by Court Commissioner Steve Seim will be rescheduled to another meeting due to the length of today's business.

Next Meeting: Friday, April 1, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Miller at 10:53 a.m..

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

Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary