

DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 1, 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; John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; 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; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Lynn Steger, Register in Probate (Recording Secretary).

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

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

Deviation of Agenda for Comments by Judge Storck: Judge Storck states that on October 7th he will be celebrating his 22nd anniversary as a Circuit Court Judge and also his retirement. Judge wants to thank the Committee for all of their work with the Courts over the years. Judge explains the process for the transition: The Governor quickly got out the Request for Applications which are due April 6th. Any attorney in Dodge County can apply. A Judicial Selection Committee will make a decision as to which applicants to interview; they will then pass two or three of the applicants to the Governor for interviews. The Governor will then make the appointment. Judge Storck is hopeful that the appointment will be before Judicial College in September so that the appointee can take office on October 10th.

Judge also wants to make the Committee aware that on April 13th he will be conducting his last Student Government Day from 12:15 p.m. until 2:40 p.m. in Branch 2.

Judge also mentions the passage of mandatory e-filing. He indicates that on April 11th Dodge County has a meeting with CCAP. Judge believes that Dodge County will be an early participant.

Agenda Order – Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of March 4, 2016; second by Pollesch. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Committee Member Report: Miller reports on the WCA Steering Committee on Justice and Public Safety meeting that she attended. She stated that the meeting covered hoped for legislation that affects various areas of Justice and Public Safety. Miller indicated that many of the items addressed at the meeting were items that have already come before the Law Enforcement Committee.

Circuit Court / Judge's Report: None

Child Support Report: None

Clerk of Courts Report: None

District Attorney Report: Bob Barrington reports on the WATCP (Wisconsin Association of Treatment Court Professionals) Conference that he attended last week. He notes that Judge Sciascia and Judge Storck together with Greg Vollan and various Alcohol Treatment and TAD individuals also attended. Barrington states that what he learned from the conference is that Dodge County is doing things right. When they attended the conference last year, they realized that there was going to be a lot of work to do, but the Dodge County group has met at 7:00 a.m. every two weeks for the past year and developed various procedures and forms that meet the standards. He notes that Dodge County is way ahead of most counties in this area.

Kurt Klomberg informs the Committee that the "spitting bill" was signed by the Governor and it went into effect at midnight last night.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report:

Operational update: The Sheriff reports that Chapter 980 placements are ongoing. He notes that in a recent case with Judge Sciascia, the individual was not placed in Reeseville. He also informs that in a similar case with Judge Pfitzinger in Branch I, Law Enforcement is gagged. There are hearings scheduled in both cases on May 6th.

The Sheriff advises that Barbara Mullins' retirement is today; she is a Dispatcher and has worked for the department for 22 years.

Sheriff Schmidt indicates that the Civil Service issue is going to be pushed back to May.

The Sheriff states that the Jail's numbers are positive with 235 individuals per day; yesterday they had 297 and there is still room for another 20 people, however, he does not want to exceed capacity at any time this year.

Surplus equipment: Sheriff Schmidt advises that they have an old lightbar that is too wide for the new vehicles and the Lowell Police Department is willing to buy it. The Sheriff indicated that they would sell the lightbar to Lowell PD for \$100. The Sheriff questions the Committee as to what dollar amount they want to be made aware of when they are proposing to sell an item. After discussion, the Committee indicated that anything being sold for \$500 or more should be put on the Agenda. Items under \$500 do not have to be brought before the Committee.

Security Electronics Project: Sheriff Schmidt indicates that they have had their first construction meetings. He indicated that when he was in Branch 3 recently he could hear drilling and has indicated to the workers that they should try to coordinate their drilling with the Court's calendar so that they do not disturb the Courts. Judge Sciascia indicated that he had no complaints; he did not think the noise was interrupting his courtroom. The Sheriff indicated that he was not as pleased with the services of Mead & Hunt; they are resistant to requests, etc., but he feels that they will be able to work out any issues.

Darryl Pollesch questions the Sheriff regarding the hiring process and the length of time it takes to hire individuals in the Sheriff's office. Sheriff Schmidt explains the process and the time it takes to go through the Civil Service process. He is planning on eliminating the Civil Service process and explains that they have three policies written to replace the process that will make hiring faster, better and more transparent. The Sheriff indicates that his office is the only one in the County that uses the Civil Service process. This issue will be addressed at the May Law Enforcement Committee meeting.

Chair Miller states that before they recess and reconvene in Branch 5, she would like to thank Darryl Pollesch for his time on the Law Enforcement Committee and presents him with a card of appreciation for his dedication to the Law Enforcement Committee.

Judge Sciascia comments that if anyone on the Committee would like an outline of Chapter 980, that he would be happy to provide it. Lisa Derr comments that the public is the group that does not understand the process and statutes. Sheriff Schmidt indicates that the problem is with the process. Jim Mielke comments that Human Services has now been asked for locations to house the Chapter 980 individuals and historically that was never done. Chair Miller indicates that this was not part of this month's agenda and should be put on the May Agenda.

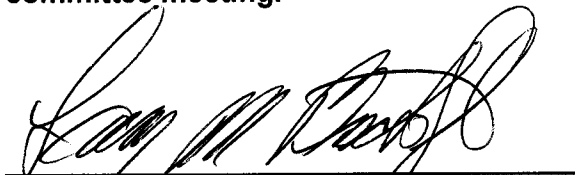
The Committee recesses at 8:31 a.m. in order to go to Branch 5 for an informational presentation by Court Commissioner Steven Seim.

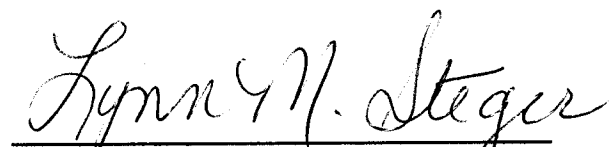
The Committee next went to visit the new impound storage building.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 6, 2016, at the Dodge County Justice Facility

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Miller at 10:30 a.m.

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


Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary


Lynn M. Steger, Recording Secretary