

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
July 1, 2016**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 9:15 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

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

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman 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; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; 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 Bischoff to approve Minutes of June 3, 2016; second by Hilbert. Motion carried.

Communications: MaryAnn Miller met with State Senators regarding Chapter 980 yesterday and it doesn't look like any changes would be made.

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: No report – e-filing will be covered by Clerk of Courts report.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported that Ozaukee County also went mandatory e-filing and 2 more counties are slated for next month. She also reiterated that the delegation issue with PINs is a problem that CCAP will be having to work through.

New confidentiality rules start today. The system was already designed so that confidential items (i.e. social security numbers) are already redacted in agencies that are electronically filing their citations. Some of the smaller municipalities are still filing with paper, but this will be changing. By the beginning of the year will be using the TRaCS system for electronic filing. DA Klomberg reported on the clerical work that this has because of the open records law.

Lynn also gave praise to officers from the State Patrol, Dodge County Sheriff's Office and Waupun Police Department during a recent inmate situation in one of the courtrooms to diffuse a tense situation.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller gave an update regarding efilng in her office. There is a continuing issue regarding use of PINs because those are needed by staff people when they are efilng and only the attorneys so far have a PIN. For an ethical and security standpoint, staff should not be using the attorney PIN. This is an issue that CCAP is aware of and is working on.

Three people from the LaCrosse Child Support Agency visited her office yesterday to view how the efilng is working here in Dodge County. Bernie has also been taking more calls from counties that will be converting to efilng. She also reported that Jefferson County visited last month.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg congratulated Bob Barrington who is now the President of the Government Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Wisconsin. Bob explained how the public defender's have had more attorneys on the Board of Directors than prosecuting attorneys, and this position now also places him on the Board.

DA Klomberg handed out his resolution packet to the Committee regarding the creation of two new positions in his office, and he explained the packet, giving the background on the need for new positions. With the State not funding any new DA positions, he will use a paralegal for trial preparation and case tracking, etc. and new legal assistant will help with TAD and ATC duties. He explained how support staff has been re-assigned. He pointed out that no staff increases have been made for a number of years, specifically since the addition of managing attorney Bob Barrington by then DA Steve Bauer. Schraufnagel moved to approve the resolution with a second by Bischoff. There was discussion that this is just an authorization to approve these positions, and it has to be funded through the budget process before everything receives a final approval. After no further discussion the motion carried.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel went through his mid-year review of activities. He pointed out that the total caseload is a bit lower than previous years, with autopsies still going up. He informed the Committee that a quarter of deaths require an autopsy and of those, drug deaths are a third of the autopsies. The bulk of Dodge County autopsies are done in Fond du Lac.

He has started using a new toxicology lab that has a faster turnaround.

ME Schoebel also explained the process of issuing permits for cremations.

Autopsies are performed for deaths that occur in the prison system and the county is reimbursed by the state for those.

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt gave an operational update for his Office. He went over the breakdown of cases that dispatch takes including traffic complaints/stops.

The Sheriff reported on his attendance at the National Sheriff Association Conference that took place in Minneapolis.

Sheriff Schmidt also commented regarding the recent 980 placements. The last placement option fell through and it looks like the whole process will have to be started again. He detailed the 980 violent sex offender release plan for the Committee.

The Sheriff's Office is looking at options for placement of inmates in the Detention Facility for the pipe project that will be starting in the future.

Kid is the new K9 officer in the Sheriff's Office, and is trained in Narcotics detection, tracking and handler protection. Kid was obtained at no cost to the County by way of a private grant. Additional costs for Kid are paid by the K9 fundraisers, last year about \$9,000 was raised.

K9 Paige who has been retired, was sold to the Amy Nehls family for \$1.00 and she is a perfect fit for their family.

The Sheriff's Citizens Academy is coming up. This program runs from September through December on Wednesday evenings and he explained topics that are covered. July 22 will be the deadline and applications are on the website.

4 AED's are in the budget for this year, but the Sheriff's Office has negotiated with the vendor for an additional unit at no additional charge. 4 - 8 are also being donated. Some of the old units will be traded in.

There is an Amendment for the current health care provider. This is to make sure that guidelines are being met. This would provide an additional 24 hours of a mid-level practitioner, which will be a nurse practitioner. This amendment would add less than \$50,000 to the budget. The Sheriff hopes to bring this matter before the Committee next month. Regarding the contract beds, because of current housing, the numbers are higher than projected and his Office hopes to keep contract beds at this level. The increase in mid-level practitioner hours (which are necessary because of ICE contracts) would be paid for by the extra income because of contract beds.

Sheriff Schmidt explained that the Capital Improvement Plan is for items that would cost \$50,000 or more. Some of the items for future consideration is replacement of the ICOP system, record storage and security projects. Other items in the future could be the replacement of Pod J with an additional Pod to be build onto the Detention Facility. Nothing in this Capital Improvement Plan is written in stone, but allows to plan for the future in order to make educated decisions.

Recess: 10:40 a.m.

Other business: The Committee reconvened at 10:45 a.m. in Branch 2 where Judge Storck gave a presentation on treatment courts. He walked through the process using an actual case on how this process may have a better therapeutic outcome, including identifying needs with clinical assessments. He pointed out the need for a sober living facility in Dodge County. He also explained the monitoring and supervision parts of this program. There are currently 33 people participating in TAD and 40 in the ATC. Funding for these programs are through a Dodge County Human Services grant and work is now being done for the next grant.

Judge Storck further showed the Committee the way that technology is being used in the courtrooms by showing an ICOP video and including the Elmos and computers in each courtroom. He also reviewed the DAR reporter system as opposed to the highly trained

stenographic reports used in the other Branches. He's been using a DAR reporter for approximately 8 years. This program has high quality sound that his DAR reporter can make a transcription from. This way he doesn't need a court reporter actually in his courtroom, he just has to turn the system on.

He also advised the Committee of security features being used by the bailiffs and new updates that will be forthcoming in the current security project.

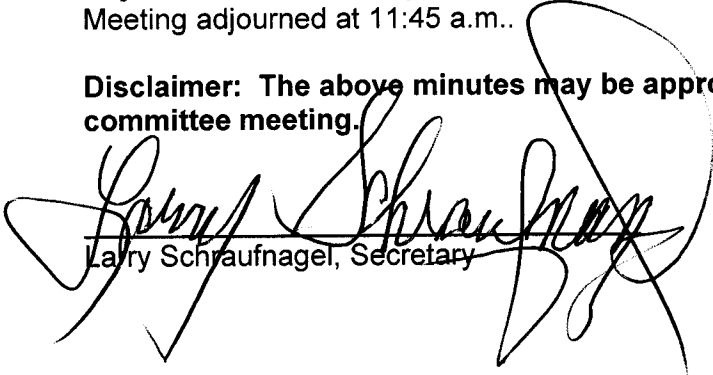
Chair Miller thanked Judge Storck for his presentation.

Public Comment reopened: Judge Sciascia reported on meetings with members of the State Legislature regarding the difficulty of placing 980 individuals.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 5, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Hilbert. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 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