

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
October 7, 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
Dan Hilbert - excused
Larry Bischoff
Thomas Nickel
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; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of September 2, 2016; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: Jim Mielke announced that Bernie Mueller from the Child Support Agency recently was the Child Support Agency Director of the Year at their annual conference.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer reported on the budget issues for the Courts. He has been meeting with the Finance Department. The big change for this year's budget has been the \$50,000 increase in psychiatric examinations that has been underfunded for the last few years.

The Courts are looking for funding for a part-time staff person for Family Court Counseling that occurred because the previous Judicial Assistant will be working full time for Judge De Vries. Judge Bauer also hopes to have Court Commissioner Steve Seim help with duties in the Register in Probate area.

It was Jim Mielke's decision to change out the \$15,000 contribution toward Restorative Justice to \$5,000 to help pay for this change. Jeff Duchac and Sean Donohue were advised. That office is still without a Director.

In a matter related to the budget, the Director of State Courts just completed a work load study with Dodge County's 4 judges doing the work of 4.5 judges. With the Court Commissioner time included Dodge County is basically even with the case load.

Judge Bauer is working to add additional bailiffs to the staff. Wage is being increased to \$13.50 per hour, and he is looking for people with a law enforcement background.

Clerk of Courts Report: Although Lynn Hron had no formal report, she advised that notifications were being sent out for change of judge from Judge Storck to Judge De Vries. Regarding new bailiffs, she also prefers people with previous law enforcement experience.

Child Support Report: No report.

District Attorney Report: No report. DA Klomberg did advise the Committee that Dodge County will be piloting a new version of their computer system, Protect, and that would be starting next week.

Medical Examiner Report: No report.

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt gave the Committee his report regarding numbers/types of calls for the month. He also reported that the Citizens Academy is now in it's third week.

The Sheriff also reported that his office received a grant for \$79,500 for the purchase of body cameras. His goal is to replace the aging car cameras so that everything will be compatible. Right now he is looking at 2 different companies with demos of their products scheduled in November. He anticipates the total cost of the project to be approximately \$230,000.

Sheriff Schmidt advised that Spillman, the company doing the security upgrades, has been bought out by Motorola. The equipment that Spillman was providing is Motorola so it appears that nothing will change. He is waiting for confirmation to that effect.

He anticipates that he will be returning funds to the general fund at the end of this year.

Scott Smith covered the balance of the items for the Sheriff's Office.

The resolution for vehicle purchase was initially going to be a part of the 2017 budget but because of savings the Sheriff's Office was looking to allocate \$227,900 toward purchase of vehicles this year. This would be for 7 patrol vehicles and a transport van for the jail. These were all part of the replacement schedule. If the vehicles were ordered by November 1, there would be an \$800 discount per vehicle so the savings would be around \$6,000. Hilbert moved, with a second by Schraufnagel, to approve a resolution to purchase these vehicles at this time. After no further discussion, the motion carried.

Regarding an intra-office fund transfer that requires Committee Chairperson signature, the first was transfer relating to food service costs, the other relating a transfer from savings in fuel costs to purchase another vehicle for the jail. Chairperson Miller signed and acknowledged these transfers.

Other business: There was no informational presentation at this meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 4, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Bischoff to adjourn meeting; second by Nickel. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35 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