

**DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
September 1, 2017**

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
Larry Bischoff
Thomas Nickel - excused
Larry Schraufnagel – excused at 9:15

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, 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 Bischoff to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Hilbert. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of August 4, 2017; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Committee Reports: Chair Miller gave report on the WI Counties Assn. Judicial and Public Safety Committee that was held over from the last meeting. She stated that the Association support efforts for funding for a 911 upgrade and state funding for DA offices.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: None

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported on the system currently used for obtaining prospective jurors. The term of duty for a jury pool has been shortened from one month to one week. This makes it easier for both employers and family. Michelle Kenning from her office implemented this new system. Text messaging and emails are also used as reminders to jurors when they are required to report. Lynn feels that the Juror response as much better. Committee members had questions for Lynn on how a jury is selected.

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: Bob Barrington reported that regarding the Spillman project, nothing has changed in the last month in the building of the interface, but they are still optimistic that this will be implemented soon.

He also reported that the new paralegal has been hired for the DA Office and gave her educational background. Amber Lesniak went to the CORE training in Madison and then Bob explained the CORE process, and informed the Committee that Amber will be the site administrator for Dodge County and will also work on any appeals. Bob further reported that the opening for legal assistant received 54 applications.

Bob was on a panel for the Public Records/Open Meetings (PROM) training sponsored by the State Bar of Wisconsin. This was a live presentation and was simulcast to be then available also as a video.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report: Scott Smith had budget adjustment items that did not require Committee resolution. An adjustment was to be made for medical costs and food costs because of the increased population from Federal revenue in the approximate amount of \$49,000 and an adjustment was also to be made regarding Civil Process fees to correct for an error in revenue.

Potter-Lawson is the architect working on a plan for replacement of buildings known as POD J. Recommendations would be going to the Building Committee. The work being proposed is replacement as opposed to expansion for Pod J. Future choices will need to be made by Committees and the County Board. Scott discussed the history of the use of Pod J and the housing of Federal detainees and housing of Huber release inmates. There are requirements that need to be met in order to keep housing the Federal detainees and there are frequent inspections. The cost is high to keep the current Pod J being used within guidelines and this will need to be addressed in the future. If nothing is done, it most likely will affect the number of Federal detainees being housed in Dodge County.

The budget takes into account 235 beds, with the current average being 261 per day. The County has a legal obligation to have a jail. All of these variables can have a significant impact on the future budget.

Scott handed out the calls for service list, and reported on the current vacancies in the department. Interviews for the position of Chief Deputy will be held soon.

Other business: Judge Sciascia, along with Wendy McGurk, Treatment Court Coordinator, gave the informational presentation on Alcohol Court and TAD. Their presentation encompassed the financial aspects of the program, how success could be measured in these types of programs and finding what will work to run a successful program. Judge Sciascia also informed the Committee what criteria would be for graduation. He pointed out that there are public programs and private providers and there is a need to coordinate between the two so that requirements would be similar. They pointed out that Alcohol Court and TAD are independent of each other. Members of the Committee were invited to sit in on sessions to personally observe what happens in court. The Judge and Wendy also stressed that the structure of the team provides input from different perspectives, and that the team members from Probation & Parole are valuable contributors for this program.


Next Meeting: Friday, October 6, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Hilbert to adjourn meeting; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:25 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