

DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
December 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

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; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Scott Mittelstadt, 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 Hilbert. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Jim Mielke spoke regarding Proposals 94 & 74 which could have an expensive impact on Wisconsin counties. The intent of these proposals would be that should an offender commit another crime while serving a sentence on supervision, they would be given mandatory jail time. Chair Miller asked Mr. Mielke to bring this to attention of the Committee today. Kurt expanded on this and explained what this legislation would mean. The Sheriff made comments regarding the proposed costs of this program, because it would have direct effects for the costs of running the jail. Jim commented on how this Proposal came to be proposed. There will be a resolution before the County Board on this matter.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of November 3, 2017; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: Committee recognized Scott Smith for his service to the Sheriff's Office and the Committee.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer updated the Committee on the 2017 budget. The income for Family Court Counseling and Guardian ad Litem is lagging this year, and the billing for those two areas is now being handled by the Clerk of Courts Office. The cost for mental commitments looks to be in line so far this year. Transportation costs are high for this year, with most of those costs being incurred because of prison cases.

Because of state budget issues, there is proposal to dissolve the 6th Judicial District, of which Dodge County is a part. Both the Chief Judge and District Court Administrator are retiring so it was felt this was the time to do this. Offices are currently in Stevens Point.

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reported that with plans for going paperless, staff from her office recently went to Outagamie County to take a look at their system. Her goal is to use 2018 for planning with implementation of paperless in 2019.

Bernie further reported that her office currently has 4000 active cases.

Child Support Office is investigating costs for automated text messages to be sent to non-custodial parent as reminders of court events. Bernie stated proposed cost would be approximately \$30/month but would be saving her case workers a lot of time.

A State project for 2019 is a major change in how documents are generated in the KIDS system. The State is designing a new software program that hopefully be launched in 2018 to test counties.

District Attorney Report: Bob reported that there are some known issues regarding the Spillman interface. Everyone is working diligently to resolve those by the go-live date and training continues. He reported that each municipality will have to go through this training.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel presented his activity report. As of last week, the cremation numbers for 2017 had surpassed the year end numbers for 2016. 2015 had previously been the highest year and 2017 will be even higher. The autopsy numbers are consistent with what he had budgeted for this year. PJ also reported that cremations in Dodge County amount to about 50% of deaths, with some surrounding counties having about a 60% cremation rate.

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt gave his operational update. He reported that although property crash amounts were up, injuries had dropped. There was 1 fatality last month.

The Sheriff reported that there would be upcoming extra traffic enforcement with the focus on "hot spots". Extra resources would be utilized in those areas. This would be continuing into the new year.

The lieutenant position has been filled – Jason Boeck will be promoted as of January 4, 2018. There are still openings for a detective and sergeant position which are still under the civil service process, with 5 additional openings in other areas.

The Shop with Cops event is next Saturday at Bayside in Beaver Dam. There will be two groups which include staff from Law Enforcement, corrections and detectives who take the kids to Walmart and Fleet Farm in order to shop with them.

Spillman will go live on December 11. New World has not be updated since 2015 so this really is a good time to make this transition.

The recent Attorney General Roundtable centered around the drug epidemic. Kurt added this was a positive discussion.

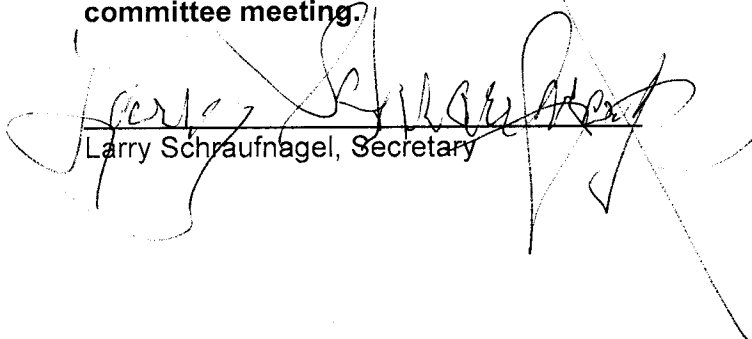
Scott Smith reported budget adjustments to be made for income received from a traffic safety grant, a \$6000 donation from Dementia Concerns Coalition to Project Lifesaver, a federal revenue transfer to inmate health care for treatment outside the jail and \$40,000 for replacement of in squad radios.

Other business: Informational presentation to today's meeting was first item on Agenda by Judge Sciascia regarding Court Security. Judge Sciascia informed the committee some of the detailed duties and requirements as set forth by the Supreme Court regarding security. The State training will be Oshkosh next year. A grant subsidizes the registration fee but the County pays travel and lodging costs.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 5, 2018 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 9:12 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