

**DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 1, 2018**

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
Eugene Wurtz (excused)
Thomas Nickel
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Mittelstadt, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Sandy Bird, Br. 1 Judicial Assistant; Supervisor Jeff Berres; Supervisor Richard Greshay.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

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

Public Comment: Request was made by Supervisor Berres to reserve public comment until after the Sheriff's report. Motion by Dan Hilbert; second by Larry Schraufnagel to move the public comment. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Thomas Nickel to approve Minutes of April 6, 2018; second by Dan Hilbert. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer reported that the Supreme Court granted the increase in the compensation rate to be increased from \$70 per hour to \$100 per hour for Court Appointed Attorney's fees. He also stated that the current Public Defender rate is \$40 per hour. The current rate for Dodge County is \$62.50 per hour.

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: Attorney Bob Barrington reported on the workings with Spillman and it has been working very well. He commended Shawn Rogers from the Sheriff's Department on how much work she has done to transfer over the information in the computer

system. Attorney Barrington also indicated the ease of this information into their system to retrieve the information from the Sheriff's Department. They will now be able to work with other municipalities to get all the information interfaced with the District Attorney's system (except Watertown and Waupun).

District Attorney Kurt Klomberg commented on how everyone worked well to implement the new system.

Attorney Barrington had a hand-out of a sample of new laws and changes in forfeitures. They did not have to do civil suits as those were put into criminal charges. When recouping fees, they are only allowed to keep up to 50%. Sheriff Schmidt commented on the new forfeiture bill takes away the ability to keep the money. More steps to be taken to keep the forfeitures.

Medical Examiner Report: P.J. Schoebel contacted us that something came up and he could not attend.

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt gave an update on Spillman and how all the agencies working well together to get it up and running. He indicated that their sales representative will be coming back to meet with them on some remaining issues to be resolved.

No fatalities to report for the month of May.

Chief Deputy Scott Mittelstadt reported that they have applied for a grant for signage for the Crash Reduction Project.

Sheriff Schmidt reported that the Wal-Mart Distribution Center has been a great supporter of the department as they have donated t.v.s which has replaced the weather monitor, a t.v. in the jail and computer screens in Dispatch.

Sheriff Schmidt announced secretary Diane Dahl's retirement. She was the point person for ERP. Her last day is June 4, 2018. He is looking into a contract for service position to temporarily fill this position through the end of the year.

Chief Deputy Mittelstadt indicated that there are 5 vacancies that are not filled yet and the money is being used to fill in other areas.

Sheriff Schmidt offered to go through the numbers on the J-Pod project; he's open to go over them if anyone wants to do that with him. Any input/direction is welcomed. A brief discussion was held on how the budget will be created.

Supervisor Berres made a statement as to oppose the discussion of the building on J-Pod on the adoption of rules as he agrees with everything up to the discussion to the building discussions.

Sheriff Schmidt said the one-on-one meetings that they want to use that to explain the project as an informational discussion only.

Jim Mielke made a statement as to the meetings that have been held regarding the project and the next steps to be taken.

Sheriff Schmidt makes clarification as these are informational meetings for the J-Pod project.

Mr. Mielke states that he wants these to be a collaborative effort between committees and supervisors to assemble information.

Tom Nickel is in support of the statement of meeting one-on-one for educational purposes.

Supervisor Richard Greshay stated concerns on keeping the beds full.

Sheriff Schmidt said there are options out there for the Sheriff's Department to work on to e keeping the beds full.

Other business: Judge Martin DeVries discusses the process of becoming a Judge. There are two (2) ways to do so, one is you can apply for it or run a campaign for it. He applied for the position as Judge Storck retired. He added that he was a part-time municipal Judge also. The basic process includes the Governor looks at past work you have done (i.e. briefs you have written, your background, financial background) then you will have an interview. The next cycle for election, you would need to run a campaign if someone runs against you. Once you are elected you then need to attend one week of Judicial College, attend an orientation/mentor with another sitting Judge. Judge DeVries talked about how he became and a lawyer and his time on the bench.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Dan Hilbert to adjourn meeting; second by Larry Schraufnagel.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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



Thomas Nickel, Secretary



Sandra D. Bird, Recording Secretary