DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
October 5, 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
Eugene Wurtz
Thomas NIckel
Larry Schraufnagel

Excused:
Dan Hilbert

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 Mittelstadt, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Office; Supervisor Kira Sheehan Maloy; Sandy Bird, Br. 1 Judicial Assistant.

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: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larry Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of October 5, 2018; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: None

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer gave an update on the A.V. project. He indicated that there was an error in the pricing of the project, but it is now worked out to stay at the $70,000 amount. He is also worried about the committee not having a primary person in charge of the project. Mr. Mielke indicated that as to the process it will work out with the job being completed. Judge Bauer indicated that by having the acoustics not being part of the project that was the major concern/problem for Branch 1.

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reviews the proposed resolution in support of increased state funding. She explains that counties all over the state are doing similar resolutions for revenue for their county child support agencies. Motion to approve the Resolution in support of increased state funding by Schraufnagel. Second by Nickel. Motion carried.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg and Bob Barrington report that they have made an offer to someone for the Receptionist position and are interviewing for the Paralegal position this week and next. The hiring process was discussed, the last paralegal left for a position that pays much more than Dodge Coounty. Wurtz questions if the DA's Office has taken the wage issue to HR and Klomberg advised that they are attempting to fill the position at the current wage but will go to HR if necessary.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report: Sheriff Schmidt reviews the calls for service, there were no fatalities in Sept and traffic stop numbers year to date is at 6562 compared to a total of 7313 for all of 2017.

The Operational Update includes the hiring of a new deputy that needs to go through the academy and one that is at training now. There is one Lieutenant position in the Patrol Division yet to be filled. All other positions are full at the 2019 staffing levels.

Sheriff Schmidt reports that politics are involved with recent morale issues at the Sheriff's Office. Employees have come to him concerned that incorrect information is being disclosed to county board members and the public, one being that certain teams are being disbanded in the department. The Sheriff advises that employee issues are being made public but should be taken care of internally.

Mielke advises that the Executive Committee met this week and are putting a Request for Proposal together for an operational review of the Sheriff's Office. A recommendation should go to the county board in December with a report produced next year. He advises that the cost will most likely exceed $30,000.00. The process will not be an audit but an operational review. The Sheriff expects that the review will find that the Patrol, Detective, and Communication divisions are understaffed.

Mielke reports that Human Services had an operational review some time ago with the understanding that the Sheriff's Office, Highway, and Clearview would have the same type of review. An operational review provides the county board and departments direction for the future and ongoing issues and concerns.

Sheriff Schmidt did a recap of the presentation to the Finance Committee. He reviewed major cuts detailing the positions that will be not funded, reduction in squad replacement, overtime cuts, the reduction in taser replacements and guns, a cut of a laser speed detector and speed display unit, and numerous reductions in equipment, training, supplies, and vehicle and jail equipment.

Discussion held regarding squad replacement and concerns of having vehicles with high mileage on the road and maintenance costs for those vehicles. The former sheriff's vehicle is now a detective's car. Cuts in the training budget is also a concern, there are few training opportunities by video conferencing and the training is very limited.

The federal inmate population draw down will start in November and continue in December. The target amount for next year will be 160 contract beds per day.

Mittelstadt reviews the 2019 mini budget presentation on jail staffing and the comparison to other counties. Winnebago and Walworth have similar jails to our county overall. Dodge County pods are considered direct supervision. The staffing levels of counties is discussed along with their revenues and expenditures. The jail levy for Winnebago for 2018 is expected to be $9,186,935, Walworth $9,612,622, and Dodge $1,227,596 and Dodge in 2019 $3,142,293.

Other business: Miller attended a meeting on Securing County Buildings and reports that Dodge County is already complying with their recommendations. The informational sessions were laid over (by vote of the committee) into November due to the length of the meeting.

Next Meeting: Friday, November 2, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Larry Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m..

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

~~Larry Schraufnagel, Secretary~~
Thomas Nickel

Lynn M. Hron, Recording Secretary