

**DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 1, 2019**

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 – not excused
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; Brian Pfitzinger, 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; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Shelby Brandsma, Family Counseling; Supervisor Jeff Schmitt; Supervisor Jeff Berres; Supervisor Kira Sheehan Malloy; Supervisor Dave Froeling; Supervisor David Guckenberger; Sandy Bird, Br. 1 Judicial Assistant; Judy Haddad attended as an observer.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Thomas Nickel to amend the Minutes of January, 2019; second by Dan Hilbert. Motion carried.

Communications/Announcements: Chairman Miller announced that the joint meeting with the Finance Committee will be next Friday, February 8, 2019 at 8:00am. The Cadets ceremony is post-poned to February 11, 2019. Miller made motion to carry over to next month. Motion carried.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Bauer gave an update on the Guardian ad Litem status with the attorneys case load and the contract attorneys for criminal cases. They are at \$75.00 per hour under the contract and it is on a pro-rated basis. He said next year the rate will need to be raised.

Clerk of Courts Report: None

Child Support Report: None

District Attorney Report: Attorney Barrington gave a brief report on the budget. They still do not know what their reimbursement is on the victim/witness fees. There was \$15,000 under levy and they are asking to have \$6,500 of witness fees carried over. Attorney Klomberg gives credit to Attorney Barrington for his time in going over their budget. He said that toxicology

costs will be up this year based upon the multiple number of homicide trials projected to take place.

With the 2018 DAs operational review, Klomberg went over his number of cases filed for 2018 and the costs involved with those cases that go to trial. He gave an overview of the cases that were charged.

He indicated that child abuse cases have specialty prosecutors, Attorney Tienstra and Attorney Sempf handle those. They have restructured their office and the two attorneys attend special training on how to handle these cases.

The DA's office opened 2,181 cases. He discussed the average review time before or if a case will be charged. The average is under 30 days. The active time - the average time a case is open is approximately 75 days. Comment by Nickels as he gives a Thank you for prosecuting the inmate cases.

Klomberg also gives a staffing report on the benefits of having the position of Amber Dieter in their office. He said that she has been a great help in keeping track of the numbers and incorporates those into reports and spreadsheets. Their paralegal position held by Maggie Kunisch is also a benefit to their office with her organizational skills. Attorney Sempf has been recognized with the Executive Professional Award. He also sees a number of retirements in the future. He is again making his request with the State for another Assistant DA position. He also reported on his absence from the office and that with technology he is able to work from home.

Medical Examiner Report: None

Sheriff Office Report: No discussion on the report only regarding the adult entertainers.

Schmidt is requesting a carryover as the majority of the payment was made to Spillman but he would like to hang on to the remaining balance to get the project complete. Mittelstadt reports that there is approximately \$82,000 left that is requested to carryover. Schmidt reported that the problem that Beaver Dam Police Department had with Spillman ended up being with their internet speed.

He would like consideration of the resolution to abolish a Detective position and make it a Sergeant position. It will be the same pay grade and it will give them a larger pool of candidates to choose from. The Drug Task Force needs the most supervision and this will allow them to have someone to have that decision making authority within that program. He would like someone with experience who can also rotate back to the patrol division. He has a vacancy open which is a union position. He will report back with a recommendation from Matrix.

Comment made by Dan Hilbert as to the Drug Task Force as to controlling the drug problem and staffing numbers.

Mittelstadt comments on how to develop the skills needed for a Sergeant and how that information will be shared between departments. Sheriff is not asking for action on this today; he handed out job descriptions for both positions.

Schmidt reported on the statistics and reports on crashes. There were 8 fatalities with the crash reduction project. Mittelstadt is working on a plan with the crash reduction and is continuing to research and will be putting that together.

Report of A/V Project: Jim Mielke reported that the project is on schedule and there is a workable solution to the video conference system and everyone is on board.

Committee Report: WCA CAP team visit to State Capital.

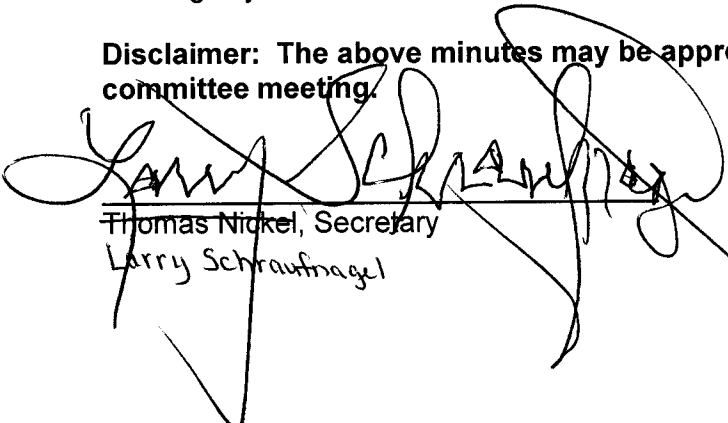
Informational Presentation by Sheriff Schmidt – Basic Drug Information: He indicated that there are 7 drug categories. 1) CNS (Central Nervous System Depressants) includes valium; Prozac; and anti-depressants (i.e. Zoloft); 2) CNS Stimulants such as caffeine, ADHD medication, cocaine; 3) Hallucinogens – LSD, Ecstasy; 4) Dissociative Anesthetic – PCP; 5) Inhalants – dust-off, paint, aerosol cans; 6) Narcotic Analgesics: heroin; OxyContin; hydrocodone; 7) Cannabis – marijuana.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 1, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Dan Hilbert to adjourn meeting; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

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



Thomas Nickel, Secretary
Larry Schraufnagel

Sandra Bird
Sandra D. Bird, Recording Secretary