

**DODGE COUNTY**  
**JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**April 5, 2019**

**Call to order:** Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:01 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller  
Dan Hilbert  
Eugene Wurtz  
Thomas Nickel  
Larry Schraufnagel

**Also Present:** James Mielke, County Administrator; Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Brian Pfitzinger, Circuit Court Judge; Michelle Kenning, Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt, Dodge County Sheriff; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Sandy Bird, Br. 1 Judicial Assistant; Justin Reynolds, I.T. Director; Kira Sheehan-Malloy, Supervisor (arrived at 8:45am); Judy Haddad, Observer.

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

**Public Comment:** Judy Haddad commented on the positions of Detective and Sergeant positions at the Sheriff's Department and the current open positions.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Larry Schraufnagel to approve Minutes of March 1, 2019; second by Dan Hilbert. Motion carried.

**Communications/Announcements:** Chairman Miller announced that Wednesday, April 10, 2019 is Student Government Day and all are invited to attend.

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Judge Bauer asks to move up Mielke's portion of the report. Judge Bauer reports on the resignation of Guardian ad Litem Schacht. Two (2) new GALs have already been hired (Attorneys Robert Koskloske and Teri Strohschein). Attorney Schacht had 50% of the caseload. Now it will be four (4) with 20% each and two (2) with 10% each. Comment by Judge Pfitzinger as to Attorney Schacht's retirement.

**Other business/AV Report:** Mielke reports that 6 bids were received. The lowest bidder did not meet the requirements for the project. An addition to the project is to include the replacement of the courtroom bench countertops. The IT Committee has now signed the resolution; the resolution will be presented to the committee today. The anticipated completion date will be December 1, 2019. Comment by Nickel as to costs. Comment by Hilbert as to cost. Wurtz makes a motion to accept the proposal; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried. Question by Wurtz as to the phone lines.

**Clerk of Courts Report:** Michelle Kenning reported they have implemented the JV cases to e-filing and that the transition went very well. There is also a picture of the 1940 Dodge County Bench and Bar which has been put up in the hallway by the Clerk of Courts Office.

**Child Support Report:** Bernie Mueller gave an update as to the new policy in their office which was passed as a county policy; the staff gets finger printed and background checks. This needs to be completed by September 30, 2019. This is a process new hires will need to go through. Existing staff will need to have this done every 10 years.

**District Attorney Report:** Attorney Klomberg gave an update from the two week Ware trial. He commends the Sheriff's Department and the Jail staff for their help and the great job during the trial. He reports as to the costs and the budget of witnesses. Attorney Barrington explained the behind the scene efforts and team effort of those who worked on the trial. He commends all of the departments involved. Wurtz commends the employees of Dodge County.

Klomberg reported that the Department of Justice asked that he and Barrington teach two (2) training sessions for prosecutors. Comment by Nickel.

Barrington reported on the computer life cycle and stated that the State has upgraded their computers. The State budget update: they are working with the State Public Defender, Department of Justice and the District Attorney's through the Criminal Justice Coalition. They asked for an additional Assistant District Attorney; no pay progression for the ADAs or Public Defenders. Comment by Dan Hilbert.

**Medical Examiner Report:** PJ Schoebel reports that they are working together with Marion University for training and that there is no cost to attend. They will not have an intern this year as they were not eligible. April 29, 2019 is the 10 year anniversary for Baby Teresa who was found in the woods by Theresa. The community came together to give her a proper burial. New DNA will be submitted to try to identify her. Statistics report to be laid over to May.

**Sheriff Office Report:** Sheriff Schmidt provides statistics. Operation update: Donnie Davidson is retiring. Resignations: Earl McGee has resigned. Statement as to background checks. The civil service process has helped. There has been significant progress to fill the federal beds. A checklist for Spillman has been created when creating complaints. New World annual reporting was not correct. An amended report was completed for citations. The annual report is on-line. He reported on recreational patrol. For the Community Service Patrols there are no statistics yet, but he is happy with their role. There is a preliminary Matrix report re: the detective and Sergeant positions. The drug unit was originally budgeted for a 3 ½ position, it is now a 2 ½ position until the position is filled; they are currently at 1 ½ time position. Comment by Dan Hilbert.


Schmidt provides the resolution to change the detective position to Sergeant's position. Larry Schraufnagel moves to accept the resolution. Second by Dan Hilbert. Resolution passed.

**Information Presentation:** Tracy Scheffler of 5 Stones reported on sex trafficking and the positions involved and the stages that it starts. The age range is from 12-15 years old. She stated things to watch out for i.e. new boyfriends; new clothes, jewelry, extra cell phones. Comment by Schmidt that Tracy was given the Citizen of the Year award. On April 16<sup>th</sup> she is collaborating with 5 Stones and Sheriff Schmidt at Harvest Church to give a presentation which will commence at 6:30pm.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, May 3, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Thomas Nickel to adjourn meeting; second by Larry Schraufnagel.  
Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

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

  
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Thomas Nickel, Secretary

  
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Sandra D. Bird, Recording Secretary