

**DODGE COUNTY  
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
May 3, 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, Eugene Wurtz, Thomas Nickel, Larry Schraufnagel, Dan Hilbert (excused)

**Also Present:** James Mielke, County Administrator; Russ Freber, Dodge County Maintenance Director (arrived at 8:32am); Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge (excused at 8:17am); 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; Lt. Jason Boeck, Sheriff's Office; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Brooke Kaat (f/k/a Bittner), Chief Deputy Medical Examiner; Ed Zagorski, Watertown Daily Times; Pat Ninmann, former Dodge County Sheriff; Jeff Berres, Supervisor; Kira Sheehan-Malloy, Supervisor; Judy Haadad, observer; Sandy Bird, Br. 1 Judicial Assistant, Gina Steinke, Br. 2 Judicial Assistant.

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

**Public Comment (Chair Miller announced time limit will be 3 minutes per speaker):** Judy Haddad commented on positions at Sheriff's Department, the resignation of Deputy Brian Severson, also the crash reduction team.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Thomas Nickel to approve Minutes of April 5, 2019; second by Larry Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

**Communications/Announcements:** Chair Mary Ann Miller, commented on Attorney Maryann Schacht's retirement from her service as one of Dodge County's court contracted Guardian ad Litem, effective May 3, 2019. A letter of commendation will be sent.

*(permission to move up # 8 on the agenda – so agreed)*

**Committee Member Reports:** Judge Sciascia advocated attendance to the State Security Conference. He addressed some potential areas for improvement here at the courthouse, i.e. the rear parking lot, evacuation policies, identification of cell phone "dead areas" in the building. Discussion re: some form of training that may be provided by the US Marshalls to Family Court Services staff here and possibly open it up to entire District 3 and Guardian ad Litem.

Chair Mary Ann Miller who also attended the conference raised possibility that perimeter of building be checked every morning, inmates should be wanded when leaving the building, questioned whether all chairs in courtrooms should be secured to the floor.

Judge Bauer made comment that Guardian ad Litem and Family Court Services employees are potentially at risk going into homes for visits.

**Circuit Court/Judge's Report:** Judge Steven Bauer announced his resignation as presiding Judge and the appointment of Judge Brian Pfitzinger as the new presiding Judge, effective June 1, 2019.

**Child Support Report:** Bernie Mueller reported on retirement of a financial worker, a lead worker will fill in temporarily. Bernie will be asking the State for help in that area, may be

contracting with a worker from another county, estimated cost for 15 hours/week at approximately \$25/hour = \$375-400 per week.

**District Attorney Report:** Kurt Klomberg reported on Columbia County DA's resignation and the Dodge County DA office was asked by the State to step up (Kurt approximately 1 day per week and Bob occasionally), along with help from FDL and Jefferson County and DOJ attorneys. They should be able to be out of there in 4-6 weeks.

Both Kurt and Bob will be doing some teaching at the SPET Conference (State Prosecutor's Education & Training). The DOJ pays for their fee and they receive double credits.

They are facing budgetary issues re: witness fees, increasing costs for experts, and service fees.

**Medical Examiner Report:** PJ Schoebel reported that they now have a person interested in working as an intern this year. He gave report on first quarter statistics: Drug cases are up. They signed death certificates in 66 cases and of those 33 autopsies were done. 34 cases remain open.

**Sheriff Office Report:** Sheriff Schmidt provided statistics. Operation update: Promoted Robbie Weinfurter to Lieutenant, William Pansier to Sergeant. Brenda Van Hoek and Donnie Davidson retired. They have a new hire and extended a conditional offer to another individual.

Lt. Jason Boeck gave an update on J-pod closing and storage issues. If J-pod structure torn down will lose 3 garage spaces where ATV are stored. Comment by Kira Sheehan-Malloy, statement to keep the storage local, on site. Comment by Eugene Wurtz, comment by Russ Freber.

Chief Deputy Scott Mittelstadt reported on Drug Task Force, wants it to be intelligence/information driven technology. DTF detectives have to have good relationship with patrol deputies. Made a temporary assignment of a sergeant, final decision to be made in August.

Sheriff Schmidt reported that the Drug Task Force unit currently has an agreement with several agencies, Horicon Chief is currently working with the Sheriff's Dept and City of BD Chief to come up with a new agreement. Questions by Kira Sheehan-Malloy and Jeff Berres, response by Sheriff as to DTF agreements with other agencies. Comment by Kira Sheehan-Malloy as to what agencies have signed on. Current agreement is with Horicon, Juneau, Waupun and Sheriff's Dept. Comment by Pat Ninmann as to how often they are meeting together. Question by Kira Sheehan-Malloy, how long has this been in transition. Response by Sheriff, since April. Question by Thomas Nickel.

**Audio Visual report:** Jim Mielke reported on the AV kickoff by Justin Reynolds/IT, equipment will be ordered May 13<sup>th</sup>. Will have weekly updates and moving forward as planned. Courthouse schedule was created.

**Presentation by DA Office – Brady/Giglio Cases and their Implications:** Basic info on Brady/Giglio lits: A Giglio or Brady list is a list compiled usually by a prosecutor's office or police dept. containing the names and details of law enforcement officers who have had sustained incidents of untruthfulness or some type of candor issues. Brady and Giglio are two Supreme Court cases which touch upon the duties of prosecutors to turn over key materials to defense attorneys.

Kurt Klomberg gave a presentation re: this issue and reported they fully implemented a policy in Dodge County in 2014. Comment by Bob Barrington. Question by Jeff Berres re: civil service process. Statement by Sheriff Schmidt. Question by Kira Sheehan-Malloy. Question by Larry Schraufnagel.

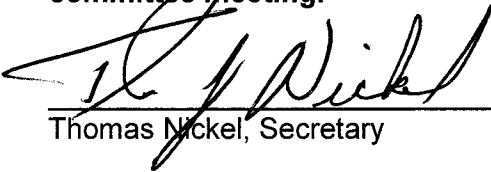
(copies of the presentation will be made available upon request. The Brady/Giglio list is available for a small copy fee)

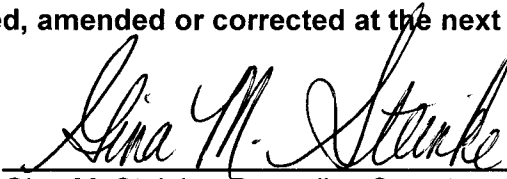
**Discussion of Meeting for July, 2019:** Chair MaryAnn Miller suggested moving July meeting to July 12<sup>th</sup> due to July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Final decision will be made at the June meeting.

**Next Meeting:** Friday, June 7, 2019 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 9:50 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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Gina M. Steinke, Recording Secretary