

DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 7, 2019 **DRAFT**

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; Brian Pfitzinger-Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron-Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg-District Attorney; Bob Barrington-District Attorney Managing Attorney; Gideon Wertheimer-summer intern in District Attorney's office; Bernie Mueller-Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt-Dodge County Sheriff; Patrick Schoebel-Medical Examiner; Amy Nehls-Emergency Management Director (arrived 8:07am); Judy Haddad-observer; Gina Steinke-Br. 2 Judicial Assistant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Thomas Nickel to approve Agenda; second by Larry Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Judy Haddad commented on the new 3 minute time limit, feels its personally directed at her.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Thomas Nickel to approve Minutes of May 3, 2019; second by Larry Schraufnagel. Motion carried.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller reported that her office was recently awarded a 2018 Certificate of Excellence. Dodge County CSA was one of only 17 counties in the state to receive this award. Members of the Board congratulated her and her staff.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg reported on the state budget update stating the joint finance voted on the requested pay progression for assistant district attorneys and it did not get approved as hoped. Dodge County did not get approved for a new position either so they will remain staffed at about 60% (statewide goal is 70%), currently statewide 120-130 positions short.

DA Klomberg reported on the operational budget. It was discovered last week that the evidence technician at the Sheriff's Dept was placed on the Giglio list. This means the DA office attorneys have to review hundreds of cases where they may have to do disclosures. Question by Eugene Wurtz as to why their budget is behind, Kurt responded saying they are meeting regularly with Mr. Mielke and will have more answers in July.

Bob Barrington reported on the operational budget, states they've spent about \$18,000 to date, \$13,000 of that was for 3 homicide trials. He's been working with the finance dept. to get more specifics/break down on the cost of trials.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported on the cost of the Laverne Ware 2-week homicide trial. (*handout provided*). Total was \$23,547.48 but felt that it was much cheaper to

use Jefferson County jurors than having to pay for the costs of sequestering a Dodge County jury panel.

Medical Examiner Report: PJ Schoebel reported that the Marian University summer intern, Melissa Brewer, should be starting sometime next week and will end up working primarily with him because his Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Brooke went into premature labor and delivered a baby boy 5 weeks early.

Sheriff Office Report: Dale Schmidt reported on the operational update. The dispatchers are raising money for the Dodge County Humane Society – “Dodge Days of Summer”, funds raised will be used to help with adoption fees.

Retirements: Greg Weihert after 29 years, and an evidence clerk. Sheriff stated they have 4 individuals set up for interviews. Question by Larry Schraufnagel re: how many Sheriff's Dept. vacancies? Sheriff stated unknown off the top of his head but there are several.

K-9 officer Sgt. Nicholas and K-9 Kidd will be attending a state training in Chicago.

Report on recognition of employees for baby deliveries. On March 10 dispatch took a call and talked the dad through the delivery process. May 10 several individuals assisted in and delivered a baby right out in front of the courthouse security station. Assisted another family with baby delivery while on the way to the hospital.

Audio Visual report: Jim Mielke stated all is going well and completion date should be early December 2019.

Emergency Management: Amy Nehls talked about the role of the Emergency Management department and provided insight into many of their daily functions.

Question by Larry Schraufnagel re: child care centers. Amy stated EM doesn't monitor them, Dodge County Human Services monitors their licenses but EM does work with child care centers to help them put together emergency plans.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 12, 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 9:05 a.m..

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

Thomas Nickel, Secretary

Gina M. Steinke, Recording Secretary