

DODGE COUNTY
JUDICIAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
July 12, 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; Joseph Sciascia-Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron-Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg-District Attorney; Bernie Mueller-Child Support Agency; Dale Schmidt-Dodge County Sheriff; Cathy Houchin-District No. 21 (arrived at 8:27am); Judy Haddad-observer; Gina Steinke-Br. 2 Judicial Assistant.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Eugene Wurtz to approve Agenda; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Judy Haddad commented on Sheriff's Dept. staffing issues.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Eugene Wurtz to approve Minutes of June 7, 2019; second by Thomas Nickel. Motion carried.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Pfitzinger reports the audio/visual installation in Br 1 is almost 100% complete & new equipment is top flight. Chair Miller suggested a future field trip to check it out. Question by Thomas Nickel if videoconference has been tested yet? Judge states it is actually being used with Watertown Hospital.

Judge stated attorney chairs in all courtrooms will need to be replaced.

District Attorney Report: Kurt Klomberg reported on the state budget update stating the staffing increase and full pay progression for assistant district attorneys was approved. Regarding the new ADA's, they will be placed in counties where Treatment And Diversion (TAD) courts and programs are being utilized and Human Services Director Becky Bell is putting together statistics re: Dodge County's existing diversion programs and successes in support of Kurt Klomberg's request for a new ADA.

Kurt Klomberg gave an update on the Brady/Giglio issue and described the steps that need to be taken in cases that are affected when a Sheriff's Dept. employee gets placed on the list. In 2018 he states 7 officers were placed on the list and that it affected 54 criminal cases.

In the weeks since the evidence tech left employment with the Sheriff's Dept. on May 29, 2019, the District Attorney's Office has had to prepare 98 notices for various cases. Question by Eugene Wurtz asking if the committee could lobby to change the Brady/Giglio law? Kurt Klomberg responded "no", that in order for the law to be changed it would require a change to the Constitution.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron reported on the impact of Mayville's move to a municipal court. (*handout provided*) Using 2018 figures, the loss of Mayville citations is estimated to result in reduced revenue of: Clerk of Courts - \$5,500; Sheriff's Office/Jail - \$3,000; and Human Services - \$1,600. Dan Hilbert questioned whether the 3 departments impacted by the loss of income still have to pay for any services? Sheriff Schmidt responded that the estimated \$3,000 loss in revenue to his dept. does not affect any of the services they provide.

Lynn Hron stated her office would put more emphasis on collections but stated they are already lean on clerks. Eugene Wurtz asked if she had put in a request for any new positions and she stated she has not and at this time does not anticipate the need.

Sheriff Office Report: Dale Schmidt reported on the operational update and reported on a few new hires. The individual filling the Deputy Secretary position just needs to complete her drug screen and her start date should be given next week.

Dale Schmidt stated re: the Brady/Giglio list that they have to meet the guidelines set by the District Attorney and they are required to put employees on the list if they meet those requirements, it is not done in retaliation or something they desire to do.

Audio Visual report: Jim Mielke stated he had nothing to add beyond what Judge Pfitzinger spoke about during his report.

Matrix Project: Jim Mielke stated on August 6th a report would be given to the Executive Committee by Richard Brady.

Committee Member report: Chair MaryAnn Miller stated that based on Eugene Wurtz's suggestion, she personally hand delivered the letter of commendation to Attorney Maryann Schacht who was very pleased.

Informational Presentation/Sheriff's Dept: Dale Schmidt discussed "bullet proof vests" – he stated there is no such thing as bullet proof, only bullet resistant. Chair Miller asked if the vests come in male and female? Dale Schmidt stated they do and the K-9 dogs also have vests. Question by Thomas Nickel if it's mandatory they be worn when on patrol? Dale Schmidt stated yes. Question by Cathy Houchin – who pays for the vests? Dale Schmidt stated the Sheriff's Office pays ½ and a federal grant pays ½. They cost about \$700 each and get replaced every 5 years. Deputy Harvancik keeps track of this on a spreadsheet.

Next Meeting: Friday, August 2, 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 9:00 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