

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
March 12, 2019
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Boyd Frederick, Jeff Wamboldt, David Celebre, Monica Yuhas,
YIG Mackey Vandixhorn and YIG Maria Grenyo

Others Present: Captain Robert Hallisy, Lt. Eric Klinkhammer, Nancy Otis

Meeting Called to Order: 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Boyd Frederick

Citizen Comments: 6:32 p.m.: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:32 p.m.: None

Chairman Comments: 6:32 p.m.: None

Approval of the Minutes from January 2, 2019:

Motion by: M. Yuhas **Seconded by:** J. Wamboldt **Approved:** unanimously

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

- 1) 2019 WI OJA Multi-Jurisdiction Drug Task Force Grant-South East Area Drug Operations Group (S.E.A.D.O.G.)

Motion by: J. Wamboldt **Seconded by:** M. Yuhas **Approved:** unanimously

6:34 p.m.: Captain Hallisy of the Sheriff's Department presented the Resolution. This is a request to accept a grant from the Office of Justice Assistance for a multi-jurisdictional drug task force grant. The award is for \$211,792.00 and Kenosha County's share would be \$53,140.00. A modification of the 2019 revenue and expense budget to account for this amount is requested.

- 2) 2019 WI Dept. of Justice Law Enforcement Drug Trafficking Response Equipment Grant

Motion by: M. Yuhas **Seconded by:** J. Wamboldt **Approved:** unanimously

6:36 p.m.: Captain Hallisy stated that is another part of the S.E.A.D.O.G. grant for the Sheriff's Department to receive \$10,000.00 from the Department of Justice for equipment needs.

- 3) WI DOJ National Criminal History Improvement Program Grant

Motion by: J. Wamboldt **Seconded by:** M. Yuhas **Approved:** unanimously

6:37 p.m.: Captain Hallisy stated that the District Attorney's Office requested that the Sheriff's Department, Police Department and Joint Services obtain an interface for our record management system to communicate with the District Attorney's software about criminal referrals. Our software system is New World, their system is called Protect. The interface system cost is \$19,200.00. DOJ will provide the grant as long as the Sheriff's Department had a local match of \$2,134.00. A budget modification is requested.

- 4) 2019 Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Strategic Initiative (OCDETF) Funding for Overtime

Motion by: M. Yuhas **Seconded by:** J. Wamboldt **Approved:** unanimously

6:40 p.m.: This is a grant to accept \$25,000.00 from OCDETF for reimbursement of any overtime costs associated with assisting the federal government on special OCDETF investigations. Supv. Celebre had questions about paragraphs 5, 10 and 15 of the grant Agreement, asking for clarification about the reimbursement and if these investigations would take our personnel away from their normal duties/investigations.

Discussion on Huber/Work Crew Inmates Escaping:

6:45 p.m. Lt. Klinkhammer addressed the Committee's questions of Huber escapes.⁷ He stated that there have been three escapes from Huber since March of 2018. He clarified that even though it is called an escape, the inmate is not escaping from jail. They are just not returning to the jail. He went on to explain how the Huber system works. When an inmate is sentenced in court, the judge is the one who grants Huber. The inmate then reports to the jail and is given Huber privileges. The Sheriff's Department does a background check to verify the inmate's employment information. When the inmate leaves on Huber, they are not monitored. They must return to the jail at the specified time. The rules are thoroughly gone over with the inmates and must be strictly adhered to. If they violate them in any way, their Huber privileges are revoked and the judge is notified. If they fail to return to the jail, it is reported as an escape and they will be charged with a felony. Periodically, employers and check stubs are checked to verify that the inmate is working and working the hours they say they are. Typically, there have been 12 people out on Huber a day for the past year and there have been three escapes. Supv. Rodriguez asked if these escapees come back on their own or do we have to go find them. Lt. Klinkhammer stated that an investigation is started and the inmate is actively sought for. Supv. Celebre asked for clarification between Huber and Work Crew. If you are on work crew, you can earn extra days off on your sentence by working. Supv. Rodriguez asked about electric monitors for these inmates to alleviate this problem. The Sheriff's Department is allotted a certain number of these units and it would add a higher cost to the Huber fees that the inmate now pays. It is a substantial cost since the service is contracted. If you add more costs, you may not have as many Huber inmates. We want them to earn money to pay their bills, child support, etc. It was asked how many inmates are on work crew in a year and the amount of escapees from that program. Work crew is difficult to say, but an average would be 700 to 800 in a year and we have had two escapes from work crew since 2016. It was also mentioned that some judges will specifically request no electric monitoring on inmates. This is also true in other counties.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7.05 p.m. None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 p.m. on motion by D. Celebre, seconded by M. Yuhas

Respectfully Submitted,



Michelle Battellini