

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
March 13, 2013
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Daniel Esposito, Ronald L. Johnson, Boyd Frederick, David Arrington, Anita Johnson, Angelina Montemurro, Douglas Noble, Trevor Foster (YIG), Audrey Simard (YIG)

Others Present: Capt. Robert Hallisy, Lt. Marc Levin

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Daniel Esposito

Citizen Comments: 6:17: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:18: None

Chairman Comments: 6:31: Chairman Esposito reported that he met with Lt. Ed VanTine regarding the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The new version is condensed from the previous one. FEMA requires this plan. Kenosha did not get grant money for this; however, Racine did so Kenosha piggy-backed with Racine. The plan details steps involved including for financial, management, and disaster control. They are trying to make the manual more users friendly. The manual is available for anyone to see and will brought to this Committee in April for discussion.

Minutes Read: 6:34: February 13, 2013 Meeting

Motion by: Frederick **Seconded by:** Montemurro **Approved:** unanimously

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Cabaret License – Jeddy's Bar

Motion by: R. Johnson **Seconded by:** Frederick **Approved:** unanimously

6:55: Capt. Weyker presented the resolution for conversion from a probationary to a regular license. All inspections and requirements have been met. There have been no violations in the past twelve months. The Sheriff's Department recommends passing the resolution. Esposito commented that there were four calls for service and asked if that is customary. Weyker explained that the calls were all related to the application/inspection process. Brighton sub-contracts out some of the services. Supr. Noble recalled that the owner came for the probationary license and inquired as to whether they need to attend for the conversion to regular. Secretary Donna DeBree explained that in the past owners/representatives have only been required to attend for the probationary unless there are extenuating or adverse circumstances during the probationary period. This procedure can be changed at any time by current committee members. There was no suggestion at this time to change the procedure.

2) Cabaret License – Kickstand (LLC)

Motion by: Anita Johnson **Seconded by:** Noble **Approved:** unanimously

6:57: This also is a conversion from probationary to regular license. On June 9, there was a complaint for outdoor noise; band playing without a Cabaret License. Owner knew of this requirement but stated he "didn't have time" to obtain a Special Event Cabaret. Owner was cited. There were no other incidents of concern so the Sheriff's Department recommends the license. Supr. Noble commented that he recalled the incident in June and asked if there were any incidences

prior to that. Weyker reported an unfounded complaint of an unlicensed bartender in March 2012 and a battery/DC complaint that resulted in two battery charges and one D/C charge in March 2012. Noble asked if during the probationary period, the owners have had any events that require a Cabaret License and if there were any complaints. Weyker replied that they have had events and without complaints. Supr. Anita Johnson inquired about an outdoor beer garden and future events outdoors. Weyker stated that they would need a special license for an outdoor event.

Discussion Regarding Courthouse Security:

7:00: Capt. Hallisy reported that Lt. Marc Levin is in charge of Courthouse Security. Esposito explained that he asked for this discussion after Supr. Kubicki mentioned a four foot wall in the Courthouse entry area over which items could be passed. Lt. Levin stated that he just recently oversaw the scanning machine process. He realizes that the building could be more secure if they had the manpower and equipment. Something could be passed over the wall if security was not doing their job. Esposito commented that he wants the appearance to remain aesthetically pleasing and friendly to the public. Supr. Arrington reported that each time he has come to the Courthouse; officers were on point requesting that pockets be emptied and possibly using a detector wand. There were two officers. One way in and out seems pretty secure; they handle traffic well. People coming to the Courthouse seem to understand and are cooperative. He has not seen anyone try to get anything through. A. Johnson added that anyone who would try to get contraband through security would have a bad agenda; to harm someone. Machines have a good purpose. Possibly a transparent product could be installed. We have to think of risk and our obligation to keep incidents from happening. A distraction could be initiated. Capt. Hallisy stated that we could be a lot more secure but must be fiscally and aesthetically responsible.

Noble recalled that attorneys are not required to go through the scanner process. Lt. Levin confirmed this; they have a pass card. Noble asked if the passes are checked. Levin replied yes, they are supposed to. Noble asked Levin if he agrees with this procedure. Levin stated that he believes all should go through the scanner process. Noble asked if this could be a first small step to be taken and if this would be Levin's number one thing to change. Levin reported that attorneys do sometimes bring in items that are not allowed, such as scissors, letter openers, etc. Levin replied that better than 85 to 90% of facilities would have this in their top three changes. Security could get better with deputies; the more police presence the better. Noble recommended that the Committee could propose an amendment to require all to go through security equipment. Supr. Frederick asked if staff has to go through scanner. Levin replied yes, only attorneys do not. Supr. Montemurro agreed that all should go through the security procedures. Capt. Hallisy stated that he would also advocate for this, however, he believes this would be a tough battle with much opposition. He believes the Sheriff would also advocate for no exceptions. A. Johnson proposed that if time was an issue, possibly attorneys could be allowed to bypass the line but still go through security. Noble added that a charge could be imposed for a line-pass. Esposito would like to know what judges think about attorneys going through security.

Arrington returned the discussion to the wall, the original issue. What could be handed over? Hallisy commented that a distraction would be the way to do it and then anything could come across. Arrington stated that the receiver would already have to be in the courthouse and come around. Hallisy stated that the wall could be extended with plexiglass. Something could also be tossed over. Arrington would like the wall definitely addressed, especially when the likelihood of a distraction would increase with the longer lines that would result from all going through. He asked for suggestions for the wall to be presented at the next meeting. Montemurro understands that the wall was initially acceptable and that the courthouse was built with an open concept; however, possibly changes are now needed. Racine has no security. Aesthetics need to be considered not to

give the impression of a correctional facility. Plexiglass would be good. A. Johnson said we have to weigh expense vs. risk. She believes that if someone is determined to harm someone they will do so even if outside the courthouse. Having security in front deters just like having a security sign in your yard.

Frederick asked if there is already a process to bring deputies into the courthouse. Hallisy replied yes. Arrington asked if courthouse security is armed. Hallisy replied no, they are private security. Only deputies are armed. Hallisy would like to see deputies as courthouse security but this is more costly. A. Johnson suggested that possibly one security guard could be replaced with a deputy. YIG Simard suggested that the plexiglass could be etched to make it more attractive or add something like a monument. YIG Foster believes all needs to be weighed because if determined someone will succeed. Noble stated that the Federal Courthouse is more secure and he believes less people go through there. Levin confirmed; with armed Federal Marshals and that people going to the Federal Courthouse do so for business. Some people here go to the courthouse for the day, just to observe.

Noble suggested issues to be put on the agenda, with resolutions suggesting wall improvements and for all to go through security process. He would like the recommendations of the Sheriff and Judges for the next meeting. A. Johnson also asked for the cost to replace at least one security guard with an armed deputy. Montemurro asked if the current security company offers armed guards. Levin stated that Personnel authorizes this. Esposito believes that if security is to be armed, they should be deputies. He stated that the record should reflect that Supr. Noble would like resolutions regarding the wall and that all go through security. Supr. R. Johnson believes some people may become upset if anyone is allowed to bypass the line. YIG Foster asked how attorneys access the building with a pass when there is only one way in. Hallisy explained that they show their pass and enter through the exit. Security probably knows the attorneys. Noble asked about attorneys from outside Kenosha County. Arrington replied that they go through security and Hallisy confirmed this.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:20: Noble asked for the status of the Mobile Command Center. Hallisy stated this would be brought to the Committee in April.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:21 p.m. on motion by R. Johnson, seconded by Frederick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree