

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
May 8, 2013
KENOSHA PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING – SHERIFF’S CONFERENCE ROOM

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

Others Present: Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Capt. Robert Hallisy, Capt. Ken Weyker, Lt. Ed VanTine, Nancy Otis, Thomas Genthner

Meeting Called to Order: 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Daniel Esposito

Citizen Comments: 6:05: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:05: None

Chairman Comments: 6:06: Supervisors Frederick and Montemurro are excused for the meeting. Chairman Esposito asked if everyone received a copy of the memo from Rebecca Matoska-Mentink. Capt. Hallisy stated that Intake Court is much more vulnerable security wise and more attention is needed there. There is currently no security in this area that is located in the Pre-Trial building. A Court Commissioner presides over the courtroom.

This is the last meeting for current Youth in Governance members.

Minutes Read: 6:10: April 10, 2013 Meeting

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

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department Emergency Management:

- 1) Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Rick Dodge to Serve as a Member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee

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

6:11: Lt. VanTine presented the resolution. He reported that as far as he knows, Kenosha has always had a County Board member on the Local Emergency Planning Committee. Supr. Dodge expressed interest in the Committee and has attended some of their meetings. The appointment was recommended by the County Executive. Esposito stated that Dodge was unable to attend this Judiciary & Law meeting due to a conflict with another meeting.

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department:

- 1) Cabaret License – One Eyed Jack’s

Approved by: Noble **Seconded by:** R. Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

6:13: Capt. Weyker presented the resolution for conversion from a probationary cabaret to a regular cabaret. There have been no violations during the past six month probationary period. Establishment is primarily a tavern. No changes have been made that would warrant a re-inspection. Deputies responded to one alarm on 11/3/12 that resulted in an arrest for Criminal Trespass to Dwelling. There have been no issues with the owners.

Noble asked if there were any cabaret events during the probationary period. Weyker replied that he does not know of any. Noble stated that he has no reason to deny but if there are no events there is nothing to evaluate. He also wonders why they would apply for a cabaret and then not use it. He asked if the cabaret comes up again in six months. Weyker explained that regular cabarets automatically renew every twelve months as long as there are no problems. Supr. Arrington suggested that possibly in the future a point should be made to check the taverns during events. Noble commented that he believes a change to the ordinance would be necessary to require applicants to use at least once before approval. Chief Deputy explained that some businesses use the license all

the time and some use it scarcely. If there is no issue, there is no consequence. Some want the license just in case something comes up. He does not know of anyone that has been required to use the license. Arrington asked if there are others that do not use the licenses. Hallisy reported that karaoke is the primary draw. If they have the license they do not need approvals for each event so this is not tracked.

Memo Regarding Request to Re-purpose 2013 Capital Bonding for Replacement of a Communication Base Station:

Approved by: Arrington ***Seconded by:*** R. Johnson ***Approved:*** unanimously

6:20: Chief Deputy explained that this memo went to Finance and Administration also. \$60,000 was budgeted for the purchase/install of a Property Rack Storage Conveyor System at the Detention Center for storing inmate property more efficiently. In February, a communication base station located at the 45/50 tower failed; possibly it was struck by lightning. It serves to transmit/receive data for the patrol squad mobile data computers west of STH 45. The 20 year old equipment has been diagnosed as not repairable and needs replacement. This equipment is critical because west end squads are not getting mobile data transmissions. Request is to fund with this money because it is the only money not spent yet. Arrington asked what deputies are not getting on the road. Chief Deputy replied laptop data; currently they need to call dispatch. Arrington commented that it has already been sixty days and asked how long it would take to get the system back up. Chief Deputy hopes thirty days or less. Arrington stated that law enforcement needs must be met.

Noble asked if they have voice transmission. Chief Deputy replied yes, only data is affected. Arrington asked for a worst case scenario. Chief Deputy stated that silent dispatch is not possible without this equipment. Lack of communication can cause multiple scenarios. Esposito asked if surge protectors are available. Chief Deputy replied yes. YIG Simard added that as a young adult, she sees the need for computer communication. Esposito asked for the cost and whether the property equipment would be purchased at all this year. Chief Deputy said they do not have the exact cost yet; they are asking for the entire \$60,000 just in case. The property equipment will probably be budgeted for 2014 because it is still needed. Noble commented that during the Detention Center tour he observed that this was one of the most needed things. Current storage is a small room with everything stacked. Need to stress to Finance that the equipment will still be needed.

Continued Discussion Regarding Courthouse Security:

6:35: Esposito stated that this discussion would continue with next month's meeting. He wants more information on Intake Court. Chief Deputy stated that the courtroom itself is secured; one of the most secure in Kenosha County. Concerns are that no one is screening people before entering the viewing area. Weapons, etc. could go in there. Law enforcement is in the area; however, they do not screen anyone. Esposito said he would speak with Judge Wagner about this. Chief Deputy stated that he believes they want screening. If courts order this, it would be mandated. Cost would be imposed. Esposito asked if space is available for screening. Chief Deputy replied yes.

Discussion will continue next month after more investigation into Intake Court.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 6:38: None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:39 p.m. on motion by R. Johnson, seconded by Arrington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree