

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
June 12, 2013
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Daniel Esposito, Ronald L. Johnson, Boyd Frederick, Anita Johnson, Angelina Montemurro, Douglas Noble, Nicole Hyatt (YIG)

Others Present: Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Capt. Ken Weyker, Nancy Otis

Meeting Called to Order: 6:34 p.m. by Chairman Daniel Esposito. Introductions made between the new Youth in Governance member Nicole Hyatt, Committee Supervisors, and Sheriff Dept. employees in attendance.

Citizen Comments: 6:36: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:36: None

Chairman Comments: 6:36: Chairman Esposito stated that they were awaiting a call from the Planning & Development Committee regarding their resolution relating to Country Thunder. He stated that we should not have these late issues in the future. Capt. Weyker has told Country Thunder representatives that they must address this no less than thirty days prior to now. Country Thunder reps have stated that they have an event in Arizona that causes conflict with this one.

Minutes Read: 6:38: May 8, 2013 Meeting

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

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) FY2013 Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

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

6:39: Nancy Otis presented the resolution to accept the Sheriff's portion of \$12,938 from the U.S. Dept. of Justice. The total award of \$32,346 is split with the City of Kenosha. Handouts to Committee Members included copies of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City and statistics for the grant usage over the past three years. This grant money is to be used for TASER devices and accessories including holsters and cartridges. They want to add fifteen more devices so deputies can have their own instead of swapping at shift-change. Supr. Montemurro asked if all deputies would have them. Otis replied yes, with some spares. Supr. Noble asked if all will carry a TASER and a weapon. Chief Deputy replied yes. TASER's are an effort for a less deadly option. Deputies also carry OC Spray and batons; anything to help officers be safe. Noble asked what AED's are and Supr. A. Johnson asked what OC Spray is. AED's are portable defibrillators and OC Spray is Oleoresin Capsicum or pepper spray. Although the spray is meant to incapacitate, it can be withstood by some. A. Johnson asked how far the TASER prongs will go. Capt. Weyker replied currently twenty-one feet maximum. Improvements are being made to increase this to thirty feet. Esposito asked if a person must be hit in a specific area. Chief Deputy replied no, and that direct contact can also be made with the unit. Montemurro asked if the City is spending their portion on TASERs as well. Otis stated that we are unaware of the City's plans. Esposito asked why we get less than the City. Chief Deputy explained that they have a larger patrol force and that the historical split has been 60/40.

2) Activity Control License – Country Thunder East, LLC

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

Capt. Weyker presented the resolution. He stated that they were still waiting on the call from the Planning & Zoning Committee. Conversations with representatives from Country Thunder indicated that all seemed to be in order. Country Thunder continues to be under the direction of Kent Underwood. They do anticipate an increase of approximately 5,200 attendees over the four-day event that incorporates an additional 362 campsites to the Miller Campground. The Sheriff's Dept. is adjusting its manpower accordingly by adding an additional supervisor to the grounds. A secondary command will be set up in the festival grounds next to the Randall Fire Dept. allowing for better "Unified Command." With this addition, and the new equipment costs associated with the event, an increase of \$10,000 was added to the Country Thunder bond for a total of \$120,000. Mr. Underwood has verbally committed to the payment.

All permits have been approved. The Conditional Use Permit is expected to pass this evening. Noble asked if the \$120,000 is just posted and we bill later. Weyker replied yes and any surplus is refunded.

Montemurro asked if the Sheriff was able to discuss the Mobile Command Unit with festival representatives. Chief Deputy replied that the Sheriff, Captain, and he spoke with them. They were agreeable to the increase in the festival bond amount; however, have not given an answer yet about a donation to the Command vehicle. Montemurro asked if the old one will be used again this year at Country Thunder. Weyker replied yes. Noble proposed that maybe Country Thunder could apply some type of logo to the unit in exchange for a donation. Chief Deputy responded that he does not think the Sheriff would be agreeable to this.

Esposito recounted that Supervisors have toured the festival and campgrounds in the past and still may. Weyker stated that Supervisors are always welcome. The Command Center remains at the same place on 110th Street. Chief Deputy suggested that if Supervisors call first someone can be available to meet and accommodate them.

Noble asked if the equipment problem reported last month, affecting communication west of Hwy. 45, will be fixed before Country Thunder. Chief Deputy stated that they are working on this. Communication will be available to the Command Post, however, possibly not to the squads. The County Executive issued an emergency order regarding this equipment to expedite the purchase. Montemurro asked if Kenosha County owns this equipment. Chief Deputy replied yes, and there may be coverage through insurance due to a lightning strike.

***SUPERVISOR NOBLE MADE THE MOTION CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF THE
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT.***

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:04: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:04 p.m. on motion by A. Johnson, seconded by Frederick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree