

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE  
MARCH 10, 2004  
KCAB 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Members Present:** Jim Huff, Joe Montemurro, Anita Faraone, Terry Rose, Brenda Carey-Mielke

**Others Present:** Sheriff David Beth, Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Nancy Otis, Rachel Montemurro

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Supervisor Comments:** None

**Chairman Comments:** Supr. Huff gave a report about the NACO Conference in Washington D.C. he attended along with Supervisors Pitts, Carbone Ron Johnson, and our Chairman. There were numerous conferences; Huff primarily attended ones relating to Homeland Security and Emergency Management. He will be passing on to the Sheriff information regarding the mentally ill in Jails. Secretary Ridge spoke at the conference. He reported that the first year all counties were awarded \$80,000 regardless of size. Allotments will now be awarded based on a threat assessment. It is unknown at this time what effect this will have. Huff has already spoken with Ben Schliesman and he is aware of all of this and has met all requirements and beyond. Huff informed Schliesman of a streamlined process and website now available to obtain grants. Grants will force regionalism of small counties. We are ahead of the game as far as the Sheriff and Police Departments being together. Emphasis was placed on widespread poor communications, verbal and radio; this will be focused upon. Thirty cities now have bio-sensors that are monitored 24 hours/day for bio and microscopic deterrents. Analysis has been decreased from 12 to 24 hours to 4 hours. Homeland Security is now looking to veterinarians because terrorists are looking at agents that will affect animals because these are easily transmitted to people. CDC and Homeland Security say they have the ability to vaccinate the entire population for anthrax in 10 days. New York tested this by combining with the flu vaccine and found that this could be successfully completed on 800,000 people in 10 days. There is a stockpile of chemical antidotes and antibiotics, burn kits, and life support (3.9 billion dollars worth) throughout the United States. If the County Executive or Governor were to call for this, 50 tons of cargo would be delivered to the Milwaukee Airport within 6 to 12 hours. Subsequent shipments would be made within the next 12 hours if necessary. Schliesman is aware of this; he is working with the National Guard to pre-plan for transport of the supplies. Voice Internet Communications are currently operating, however, if 911 is dialed it can ring a 911 system anywhere in the world. Incorporating the system with the local 911 is being worked on. Huff spoke with Supervisors from many other states and found that comparatively Wisconsin is doing well. Other states have road projects for which completion is indefinite due to funding cuts; mental health and Social Services issues; and areas with nearly non-existent services. Huff has pamphlets available for anyone's perusal.

**Minutes Read:** February 11, 2004

**Motion by:** Faraone                      **Seconded by:** Carey-Mielke                      **Approved:** unanimously

**Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:**

1) Request for Waiver of Competitive Bid Process for Data Radio MDC Hardware Purchase

**Motion by:** Rose                      **Seconded by:** Faraone                      **Approved:** unanimously

Within the Sheriff's Budget, \$135,000 was provided for the purchase, installation, and service of MDC Radio Base Hardware upgrade. This is a custom package of computer hardware that is specifically designed

by the Data Radio Corporation to be used with the existing Mobile Data Radio System now operating in the Sheriff, Kenosha Police, Twin Lakes Police, Silver Lake Police, and UWP Police Departments. The MDC Radio Base Hardware upgrade will provide vastly improved speed and transmission/reception data. Because the current MDC system is a custom design by Data Radio, only this particular Data Radio Base Package will work with the current mobile data radio system. Consequently, the Sheriff's Dept. asks that the bidding process be waived for this purchase. Supr. Carey-Mielke asked that if a lower bid came in, and they were not able to patch the system, would new hardware need to be purchased. Chief Deputy Smith responded that the cost could be more and that anytime you try to patch a system performance is compromised. This system will allow much more documentation including digital photographs; line-ups could be done in the squad cars. Carey-Mielke asked if there are any other vendors that could do this. Chief Deputy said possibly yes, however, they want this company in order to maintain the integrity of this system. Huff asked if there were any other upgrades since 1995. Chief Deputy said this is the first hardware radio-base upgrade. 90-110 units are out on this system right now. Only Pleasant Prairie is not tied in because they did not want to wait and purchased their own system from a company that subsequently went out of business. Supr. Rose asked who makes this equipment. Chief Deputy responded that Data Radio manufactures, installs, and services the equipment. Supr. Montemurro asked if Pleasant Prairie wanted to upgrade could they get a similar system. Chief Deputy said that they would have to change a lot of things. He said that in 1995 Pleasant Prairie did not think that the Sheriff's Dept. would get the grant for this equipment.

## 2) Modify 2003 Sheriff's Department Budget

**Motion by:** Montemurro      **Seconded by:** Carey-Mielke      **Approved:** unanimously

Nancy Otis reported that Detentions – Inmate Medical Services expenditures will exceed the funds available within the appropriation unit. These services were necessary to comply with State Statute governing the Sheriff's obligation to cover the costs of any off-site inmate medical care while the inmate remains in custody. Amounts sufficient to cover these expenses are available in other line items as specified in the budget modification. The predictability of the frequency and duration of off-site inmate medical services cannot be exact and expenses were high this past year. The United Hospital System informed the Sheriff's Dept. that in July of every year the rating system for bills changes and that the Sheriff's Dept. was rating their bills incorrectly. They asked for adjustments back to 2001. Chief Deputy added that we have taken many more federal prisoners since when this budget was prepared in 2002. Bills have been held up pending this transfer. Otis said that accounts payables have been set up until money is allocated. Huff asked what would happen with the surpluses if the money were not transferred to cover the deficits. Otis said that a resolution presented earlier in the year allocated any surpluses to go to the construction budgets. Even after this she expects some to also go back to the general fund. Rose commented that he recalls cases whereby bonds are revised to allow release of some inmates that would require significant medical care. Chief Deputy responded that they have had cooperation from some Judges and agencies such as Probation & Parole to allow this. There are still occasions/circumstances when a Judge will not modify the bonds.

**Any other business allowed by law:** Huff informed the Committee that he had a legal opinion from Corporation Counsel regarding Civil Service Processing in factories. He said that Bernie Vash's opinion was basically that a Deputy Sheriff has no authority to enter a private part of a factory building under circumstances to serve a civil process. Rose asked what precipitated this. Chief Deputy said that they allowed one of their process servers to contact the Corporation Counsel because they came across this situation.

**Meeting adjourned:** At 7:30 p.m. on motion by Farone, seconded by Rose.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. DeBree