

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
APRIL 14, 2004
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Others Present: Mark Wisnefski, Anne Bergo, Doug Noble, Gordon West, Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Lt. Harvey Hedden, Robert Trapp

Meeting Called to Order: 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: None

Minutes Read: March 10, 2004

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

Resolutions from the Department of Personnel:

1) To Approve the Appointment of Robert Trapp to Serve on the Civil Service Commission

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

Robert Trapp was in attendance at the meeting. This appointment is to succeed Donald Lambert. Supervisors Rose and Faraone said that they have known Mr. Trapp for some time and believe he would be an asset to the Commission and ask good questions.

Resolutions from the Kenosha Co. Sheriff's Department:

1) Sheriff's Drug Enforcement Task Force Grant Modification

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

Chief Deputy explained that due to Finance only meeting one time this month that this and the next resolution have already gone to and were approved by Finance. Lt. Hedden attended as supervisor in charge of the controlled substance unit. This is a yearly grant from the WI Office of Justice Assistance (OJA) that was originally budgeted to receive \$131,769 in the 2004 budget, we only received \$122,035. The award came in less than expected for personnel costs, which was resolved by eliminating the Health Insurance Benefit of \$15,768 for the Drug Investigator position. OJA did allow a portion of the award to be utilized for payment of Confidential Funds in the course of the task force activities in the amount of \$6,034. The Kenosha Co. Controlled Substance Unit was re-organized whereby the City of Kenosha no longer participates in the unit directly. It has been agreed by the law enforcement agencies that the Drug Investigator position garnered under the Sheriff's Dept. Drug Unit grant, be transferred to the Sheriff's control. Supr. Huff asked if the District Attorney no longer employs this investigator and if he is now a county employee. Lt. Hedden responded that he was always a county employee funded by the grant money.

2) HIDTA Grant Award

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

Chief Deputy reported that this is a new grant in the amount of \$40,900 awarded under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) initiative, which has been established to focus on disrupting and dismantling local, regional, and national-level drug and money laundering organizations. There are 33 nationally recognized HIDTA regions including the Milwaukee HIDTA, of which, the Kenosha Co. Sheriff's Dept. is a participant. The funds will allow the purchase of a narcotic detection dog, training for a K-9 Officer, lease of a K-9 equipped squad, overtime reimbursement, and supplies. Funding is expected to continue and will not require the use of tax levy. The Sheriff agrees to terminate the narcotic detection dog

program and relative costs unless another funding source is identified outside of tax levy dollars. A main area of focus for operations will be I-94 working along with the traffic interdiction program. Huff asked if we currently have drug-sniffing dogs. Chief Deputy said that we have 5 dogs at the Detention Center that are primarily for inmate control. These have proved very effective especially with the federal inmates that are in for serious crimes. Lt. Hedden added that this new dog could be cross-trained for patrol.

Discussion of Licensing of Adult Entertainment Zones or Establishments:

Supr. Huff had provided to committee members the Village of Pleasant Prairie Ordinance relating to licensing of adult-oriented uses and establishments. He was not aware that Racine had one until this was mentioned on the County Board floor. Many counties draft their own ordinances based on other counties or municipalities ordinances. Huff suggests getting Racine's and any other recommended counties. Supr. Rose said that he first suggests getting a legal opinion from the lawyer that appeared before the Board. Huff said that he would get the lawyer's name. Supr. Carey-Mielke said that she would also like this guideline referred to Corporation Counsel. Supr. Noble commented that he does not believe that Planning and Development has approached the Sheriff about licensing. Chief Deputy said he believes this is true but probably only because the Sheriff has been on vacation and out of town. Noble commented that Pleasant Prairie adopted a licensing addition similar to Racine. Pleasant Prairie wants to relocate 2 establishments. We are the weakest because we do not have licensing and could end up with establishments in our jurisdiction. Noble would like the Sheriff's Department to look at Racine's ordinance. Chief Deputy will get Racine's Ordinance and forward it to Huff; Huff will distribute from there. Rose commented that Pleasant Prairie is spending millions of dollars to relocate the adult businesses.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03 p.m. on motion by Rose, seconded by Montemurro.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. DeBree