

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
December 1, 2004
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Jim Huff, Brenda Carey-Mielke, Terry Rose, William Michel II, Susan Deschler

Others Present: Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Ben Schliesman

Meeting Called to Order: 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff.

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: None

Minutes Read: November 16, 2004

Motion by: Carey-Mielke **Seconded by:** Michel II **Approved:** unanimously

Resolutions from the Division of Emergency Management:

1) Citizen Corps Grant

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

Ben Schliesman presented this resolution to accept \$44,362 from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance. The grant is to be used to promote Citizen Corps activities throughout Kenosha County by training and educating citizens on hazards and emergency response; encourage citizens to get involved/volunteer; strengthen Municipal/Local Neighborhood watch Programs; promote volunteers in the law enforcement and fire disciplines; and training and establishing Community Emergency Response Teams. A limited term, non-rep temp, will be hired for the duration of the grant. No tax levy is needed. The grant will carry-over into 2005 and Administration would be authorized to modify budget expenditures for purposes of expending the entire grant dollars in accordance with grant criteria. Supr. Michel asked if the promoting of volunteers is just for areas like Neighborhood Watch. Schliesman responded yes, they would not put anyone into a situation of law enforcement. Volunteers would be recruited for volunteer departments such as fire and rescue. Michel asked about liability. Schliesman explained that the County has the individual municipality sign up the volunteers. Supr. Carey-Mielke expressed concerns about empowering citizens in the Lincoln area. She asked about the possibility of having workshops. Schliesman replied that the temp employee would go to and target these areas. They will also see if they can get assistance from organizations such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Corporate Parks, and Business Associations. Supr. Huff asked if there is a standardized curriculum for the employee to go by. Schliesman replied that the 3-day national certification course is standard. This grant is to hire people and for the use of equipment such as a laptop, projector and training materials.

2) WI Emergency Management FY04 Exercise Grant

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

This resolution is to accept \$14,900 from the State of Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management. This grant will be used in conjunction with a previously approved exercise grant of

\$33,000 to hire a temp to help coordinate and conduct the exercise; to pay for materials, supplies, and expendable equipment; and to cover overtime/backfill costs of those participating in the May 2005 full-scale exercise. The Government will pay the \$75,000 consultant fee directly. No tax levy is required. The grant will carry-over into the FY05 Budget and Administration would be authorized to modify these budget Expenditures for purposes of expending the entire grant dollars in accordance with grant criteria.

Schliesman reported that as a result of the flooding in May, Kenosha Co would be reimbursed \$143,205.47 for highway, parks, golf facilities, and Emergency Management; municipalities will receive \$461,063.27; and citizens through individual grants will receive \$379,384.

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Cabaret License – Cross Lake Inn

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

Chief Deputy Charles Smith presented this resolution to grant a regular cabaret license to Cross Lake Inn. The establishment was found to be in conformity with the Cabaret Ordinance 8.02 governing its conduct for a probationary period of the last 6 months.

Discussion Regarding Jail Population:

Supr. Rose brought an article that appeared in “Wisconsin Counties – November 2004” referencing Outagamie County’s program to reduce recidivism to the attention of the Committee and the Sheriff and Chief Deputy. Chief Deputy explained that our Community Workcrew Program is similar to the Outagamie program. They seem to have more emphasis on getting offenders into rehabilitative programming and counseling, which is what the OVWI Program is suppose to accomplish. He does not know what their funding source or staffing levels are. We only offer these programs with the cooperation of the Courts. Rose asked Chief Deputy to get more information. Chief Deputy is not too optimistic that additional programs would reduce recidivism at the County level to a great degree. The Workcrew Program we already have gives inmates experience and reduces their sentences. Kenosha Co. has gone around the state with this program. Very few counties offer a similar program.

Supr. Michel asked about the possibility of electronic monitoring of inmates. Chief Deputy explained that we could do this with the needed equipment. Costs can be recouped by charging the offenders. The Sheriff can put inmates on this, however, the Courts do not have a say in this and do not like it. When this was looked into, due the politically sensitive issue, the program was not implemented. Michel commented that this could be done as a class system like Huber where even if a judge grants Huber, KSD can say he is not eligible under our class requirements. Chief Deputy expressed that money and staff is needed to put these offenders in the home and to go get them if they are offending. Currently, because we do not have an overcrowding problem this was not determined to be effective to implement. Our regular population has been decreasing.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55 p.m. on motion by Carey-Mielke, seconded by Rose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree