

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
April 6, 2005
KENOSHA COUNTY CENTER MEETING ROOM A

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

Others Present: Sheriff David Beth, Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Capt. Larry Apker, Lt. Paul Falduto, Nancy Otis

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: Supr. Rose requested that a discussion regarding courthouse security be added to the next Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee meeting agenda.

Chairman Comments: Supr. Huff reported that costs are being reviewed for a private security firm to provide courthouse security. The Sheriff would oversee the firm. Huff suggested that Mr. Serpe could be brought to the next meeting for the Courthouse Security Discussion. Supr. Michel asked if Corporation Counsel is involved because possibly there would be Union issues due the employment of non-union workers. Huff responded that he does not know; Corporation Counsel was not in attendance at the meetings he attended. He reported that several other counties, including Racine, Rock, and Walworth, have private company employees called Courthouse Screeners. These are comprised of retired Police Officers and Deputies expressly trained for these purposes. Serpe is gathering information on procedures in other counties. Michel asked if the screeners would be armed. Huff said that by law they can be, however, he does not know if they will be. Supr. Carey-Mielke reported that the Sheriff does have certified retired officers that carry ID and may carry a weapon. The individuals are not considered employees and may be called upon in emergency situations.

Huff also reported that he received a response from Frank Volpintesta regarding the Ordinances for Pleasant Prairie that said Pleasant Prairie is re-numbering and re-codifying their ordinances. They are going to the Board on April 18 for approval and then the Ordinance will go to the Corporation Counsel.

Minutes Read: March 9, 2005

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

One change made at the request of Carey-Mielke to identify the State as the party to be paid for past due taxes.

Resolution from the Division of Emergency Management:

1) Training Grants for Citizens and First Responders

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

Resolution is to accept grants totaling \$34,300 from the State of Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management to conduct Community Emergency Response Team training for citizens, government employees, and first responders. Ben Schliesman reported that there would be a class the next week for County Employees. Class instruction includes basic medical, search & rescue, and equipment preparedness. Hospira has requested a class, which will incur no expense for the

County or Hospira. Huff asked how the participation is. Schliesman said that the County Employee and Randall classes were full, however, the Somers class may be re-scheduled due to low interest at this time. Carey-Mielke asked if the inner city is being targeted and if bi-lingual literature is available. Schliesman replied that the inner city is being targeted and that literature has been printed in Spanish.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Probationary Cabaret License – 75th Street Inn

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

Sheriff reported that all permits and licenses have been acquired. The only calls to the establishment were for inspection, an intoxicated patron, and a band playing without a Cabaret License. Owner Marybeth Morey was in attendance at the meeting and explained that she did not know that a License was required to have a band. She reported that the type of entertainment she plans to have is like a DJ, karaoke, or 1-man guitar player.

2) Cabaret License – Michael's Pub

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

This is a conversion from a Probationary to Regular Cabaret License. The only calls during the probationary period were for inspections.

3) Cabaret License – Kickstand Tavern

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

This is a conversion from a Probationary to Regular Cabaret License. The only calls during the probationary period were for tavern checks and inspections.

4) Kenosha County TRaCS Program Grant

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

Resolution is to accept \$55,945 from both Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety and Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance to participate in the Wisconsin Incident Based Reporting System Pilot Program. Funds will be used to purchase computer hardware, software, training, and equipment for the squads to allow for electronic submission of citations (E-Citation) to the WIBRS database using WI TRaCS software package developed for this project. Of the 25% match required; 15% is being provided by the State and 10% is being met by the Sheriff's Department and is being realized through the 2005 capital budget appropriation for enhancing the patrol radio communications. No tax levy dollars are needed. Huff asked how many units would be equipped and for a projection date. Sheriff responded 29 squads hopefully by early 2006. Michel asked if the City would get these too and if this is basically only for traffic. Huff responded yes to both.

5) Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

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

Resolution is to accept \$39,500.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. This is the County's portion of the total grant of \$112,965, with the remaining going to the City. The distribution of the grant money is agreed upon between both parties. The funds will be used to purchase additional equipment for the Department as designated by the Sheriff for law enforcement purposes.

6) Operative Position Transfer to District Attorney's Budget

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

The Operative position acquired through the Sheriff's Department's Drug Task Force grant is currently listed under the Sheriff's Department authorized personnel strength. It has been determined that the appropriate division for overseeing the Operative position would be better served and utilized under the control of the District Attorney's Office. This resolution is to transfer the position to the District Attorney's Budget. The movement of the position will have no affect on the continuation of the funding. Sheriff reported that this position was under the District Attorney's Budget until about 1.3 years ago. Supr. Rose commented that he doesn't understand the rationale. Sheriff explained that the Sheriff's Association has taken issue with this. The position is grant funded and not considered a KSD employee. The Sheriff's Association is contending that as long as the position is under the KSD Budget he is a KSD employee. Huff asked why the position went from the District Attorney to KSD 1.3 years ago. Sheriff explained that at the time it was thought to be appropriate because the Operative worked with the Sheriff's Dept. They did not think that the Sheriff's Association would object. The position was offered to all KSD employees, however, they would have to quit KSD and accept less pay and no health insurance. Chief Deputy added that the grant allotment determines the salary. Michel asked if the Sheriff's Dept. is still willing to work with the Operative. Sheriff replied yes, nothing would change except which budget he is under.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15 p.m. on motion by Carey-Mielke, seconded by Michel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree