

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
April 12, 2006
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Others Present: Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Randy Henning, David Kane, Skip Mielke

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

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: Supr. Huff informed the committee members of additional information he learned from the Washington D.C. conference. It is unknown at this time how the 200 million allocated for Justice Coordinator development will be distributed. He said that 60% of offenders are re-arrested within 3 years. 20% of the population commit 80% of the crimes. This is the ideal time to apply for grant money. People released without housing arrangements are more likely to offend. Probation & Parole visits are suggested prior to release to address needs and concerns. Currently P & P does not meet with offenders prior to release and some offenders have strict restrictions that do not allow them to get jobs. We have components in place, however, no one to coordinate them. Supr. Rose mentioned that the committee previously met with Ron Frederick from Disability Services and Dennis Danner from Racine and that they would still be a good source for consultation. Supr. Michel commented that he believes Judge Fisher has also looked into this. Chief Deputy commented that Mike Williams coordinates programs for the Sheriff's Department. KSD has an extensive program system including high school education/testing, GED, Living Free, and counseling for anger management, alcohol, drugs, and issues at home. \$20,000 to \$30,000 is spent per year and services are provided by agencies including Genesis, Women's & Children's Horizons, Gateway and Kenosha Unified. Supr. Carey-Mielke commented that it sounds like we already have a mini-system in place. Huff said that a coordinator would bring other agencies in.

Rose asked if Workcrew inmates are still assigned to work at the Courthouse and Public Safety buildings. He commented that his observations are that the buildings are not being kept up as well as in the past. He said he has received complaints about this. Chief Deputy said the Sheriff's Dept. still supplies the manpower (3 assigned per day), however, does not supervise them nor are they responsible for their work. The inmates report to Facilities and Facilities provides assignments and supervision. Michel commented that there are also fewer custodians now. Chief Deputy added that the total Workcrew number has decreased from about 90 to about 70. All inmates were almost pulled because staff was reduced to 2 deputies to supervise the program. Maintenance maintains the inside of the building and has Workcrew maintain outside because if the inmates are inside it is at Facilities' risk. Workcrew inmates often do not work well without direct supervision and maintenance staff have their own duties that prevent them from directly supervising inmates. There are also union issues. Michel commented that there are several Workcrew inmates in the laundry

and kitchen at KCDC. Chief Deputy responded that there are 20 at KCDC and also assignments to places including Kenosha Achievement Center, Shalom Center, and Pleasant Prairie County Government. Rose said he believes inmates should be assigned to the courthouse before other places.

Minutes Read: March 21, 2006

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

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Probationary Cabaret License – Great Lakes Dragaway

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

Chief Deputy reported that Randall Henning, who was in attendance at the meeting, made the application. The application was made last year, however, was held up awaiting a passed building inspection. Fees have been paid and diagrams provided. Entertainment will be west of the drag strip with no alcohol east of the strip. Huff asked if there previously was a beer garden. Henning replied yes. Twelve years ago they started getting cabaret licenses. The fifth year they were told they didn't need a cabaret license so they didn't for several years until last year when they were told that they again needed one. He said that there were a couple issues with the Town of Paris about some wood and straps. Last Labor Day weekend they had a band scheduled for two days, however, could only have the band one day without the cabaret license.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 p.m. on motion by Rose, seconded by Michel II.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree