

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

Members Present: William Michel II, Bob Haas, Joseph Clark, Ruth Booth, David Arrington

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

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman William Michel II

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: Supr. Michel reported that he and Supr. Clark reviewed the County Directory and found that the regular meeting time for Judiciary & Law is listed as 6:30 p.m. Michel said he would like to keep meetings at 7:00 if OK with committee members. Members agreed with the 7:00 meeting time and Michel said he would inform the County Clerk.

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) HIDTA FY 2005 Grant Supplement Award - Overtime

Motion by: Clark **Seconded by:** Haas **Approved:** unanimously

Sheriff Beth explained that this is a supplement for an additional \$10,000 from 2005 bringing the total 2005 grant to \$50,970. The money will be used for overtime for Interdiction primarily on the interstate. Kenosha County is on the thoroughfare for drug trafficking. The original grant money was primarily used for canines and canine vehicles.

Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Report on Status of Current Budget:

Sheriff Beth reported that KSD projects a balanced budget by year end even with the 990 Jail Contract settlement about \$253,000 more than expected; an overtime budget shortage of about \$400,000; excessive fuel costs; and excessive inmate medical costs. Costs for one inmate that had to be hospitalized were \$55,000: \$15,000 for medical and \$40,000 for overtime. The Federal Inmate numbers are coming back up after a slump. We are getting more BICE from other facilities unwilling to comply with the direction that BICE inmates not be tazered. A surplus of about \$500,000 is expected due to unfilled positions.

Michel asked if the federal inmates are housed with the general population. Sheriff replied that primarily BICE inmates are in dormitories and US Marshall inmates are in cellblocks with individual cells. A few general population inmates can be mixed in with federal inmates. Michel asked about previous discussions to house state inmates. Sheriff responded that this was being looked into a couple years ago but the State is pulling back from all outside facilities. KSD is working with the Wisconsin Dept. of Justice to reduce recidivism with programs such as the Living Free Program. Revenue of \$45,000 over costs is expected for these programs. Supr. Haas asked about medical costs for federal inmates. Sheriff replied that these are borne by the federal government. Supr. Clark commented that he was concerned about the overtime, however, is glad to see numbers combined predict a balanced budget. Clark asked if federal inmate housing is expected

next year and if KSD expects to keep the 2007 budget within a 2 to 3% increase. Sheriff responded that at this time federal inmate housing is expected to continue. As for budget, the first two years after his election he reduced the tax levy. The third year was up a bit due to personnel costs and medical. He said that over the past four years the average tax levy increase was 1.2% per year.

Discussion Regarding Courthouse Security:

Michel explained that last year the Sheriff's proposal to provide courthouse security was rejected because it was said to be a deviation from contract. He asked the Sheriff if he would be willing to submit another proposal before budgets are presented and passed. Sheriff replied yes, he believes the Sheriff's Dept should handle this. He believes that sworn personnel are more qualified for the positions. KSD personnel have the authority to go into courtrooms and make arrests. Sheriff said he would probably present a separate courthouse security proposal to be added to the budget. Haas asked if KSD would need about four officers. Sheriff does not believe four would be needed. They are budget conscious and several things are looked at. Clark asked if there has been any discussion with Administration regarding this. Sheriff said no. Clark said he prefers deputies and encourages KSD to work with Administration to bring forth an acceptable proposal. Michel said that to accommodate breaks and lunch, he has seen times when only one security officer is present. He asked if this would happen with KSD. Sheriff said there would have to be a test run. They would consult with involved parties for input. He believes that one may be sufficient at times such as lunch because courthouse staff is also at lunch and courtrooms are closed. Michel commented that the back door is currently not monitored in any way, entry is by card. Sheriff said that administration sets the rules. KSD only governs the courthouse in an emergency situation. Haas said that with security as it is he believes that he could get in the back door as someone else was coming or going. What could a civilian do if someone had a weapon? Michel said he is aware of incidents of contraband and the people just run. Private security personnel have no arrest powers.

Michel said that courthouse security would be discussed again next month so Bob Riedl from Personnel may attend.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m. on motion by Clark, seconded by Booth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree