

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
June 13, 2007
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Others Present: Terry Rose, Anita Faraone, Sheriff David Beth, Capt. Larry Apker, Lt. Ed VanTine, Lt., Paul Falduto, Nancy Otis, Alan Kehl, Sue Marcinkus, Dolly Brennan, Ray Misner, Carol O'Neal, Larry Barr, Michelle VanDeBogen, Ed Kubicki, Emily Ayshford

Meeting Called to Order: 7:05 p.m. by Chairman William Michel II

Citizen Comments: Sheriff Beth commented about an email some County Board Supervisors received from a couple deputies during the previous week. There have been recent retirements, the death of a deputy, a couple resignations, and one of the probationary people did not pass probation. Currently there are six people on probation and the plan is to send six more to school in August. These are not counted as full-fledged deputies until they complete four phases. It takes about 8 months to get a deputy on the road. Right now they are short several deputies. There were three hospital guards needed at one-time. As a result of all this, there has been a great increase of overtime. Conveyance is running at high overtime. KSD will address this with the 2008 budget. They are working with the District Attorney and the Clerk of Courts to try to get the Traffic Interdiction Unit back up and running to add a few extra deputies.

Sheriff reported that there was to be a meeting the next day with the Jail Association to address the critical overtime situation for Correctional Officers downtown. The current overtime language burdens the low seniority personnel with almost all the overtime. In July, KSD will be bringing forward a resolution for more Correctional/Direct Supervision Officers. These will also be needed due to the addition of 118 cells at the Detention Center. It takes a Correctional/Direct Supervision Officer about 6 months to complete all training. A funding source will be determined for each proposed employee.

Supervisor Comments: Supr. Clark recognizes that it is the Sheriff's job to staff the Sheriff's Dept. The number one complaint supervisors receive is about the amount of overtime deputies and jailers work. It is his understanding that there is a high rate of burnout. He would like to see a cost analysis by KSD as to overtime vs. more positions.

Chairman Comments: Supr. Michel reported that he has been in discussion with Chief Deputy Smith about adding cameras to squads. He expects to have data soon. He feels this would be a tool that could be used effectively.

County Thunder is approaching and he would like the Committee to again tour the grounds. He recognizes the substantial decrease in the number of incidences and crimes and the overtime that is needed to patrol County Thunder. Ingress and egress is more efficient. KSD has allowed other agencies to help.

Minutes Read for Approval: April 25, 2007 and May 9, 2007

Motion by: Booth

Seconded by: Clark

Approved: unanimously

Resolution from the Division of Emergency Management:

1) Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program

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

Lt. VanTine presented the resolution on behalf of Ben Schliesmann. A US Department of Homeland Security Exercise funding grant totaling \$27,500 is being awarded from the Office of Justice Assistance. The grant will be used to pay for materials, supplies, expendable equipment, to cover overtime/backfill costs of those participating in the US Coast Guard's Spill of National Significance 07 exercise, and can be used to cover the cost of a temporary employee if needed. No tax levy is required.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Hazardous Device Unit Equipment Grant

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

Lt. Falduto presented the resolution to accept \$30,000 from the Office of Justice Assistance through Homeland Security. The money will be used to purchase a trailer to carry equipment and better process scenes for the Hazardous Devices Unit. No local match is required.

2) Request for Waiver of Competitive Bid Process for Installation and Connectivity Technical Services for Radio Communication Equipment

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

\$200,000 has been appropriated in the Sheriff's 2007 capital expenditure budget for the upgrade and/or purchase and installation of radio communication base stations/repeaters to upgrade their voice communication to accommodate digital capabilities. The equipment being purchased will be Motorola brand products that are on State Contract, however, regarding the installation and integration of this new equipment it is being sought for single source consideration with Milwaukee 2-Way. KSD currently has a service contract agreement with Milwaukee 2-Way to maintain connectivity and service of already installed Motorola radio communication equipment. Milwaukee 2-Way is and has been responsible for the integrated system performance, which could be compromised if other service vendors are introduced.

Clark asked how long it has been since services being provided by Milwaukee 2-Way were bid out. Nancy Otis responded that she does not know the last time and that it has been a number of years. Clark said he would let this resolution go for now, however, due to the length of time he would like to bid for prices and ideas.

Supr. Booth asked what happens to old equipment. Falduto explained that the old equipment is not digital, therefore antiquated. Michel asked if the City uses the same supplies. Falduto replied no and that they have difficulty with their equipment.

3) Activity Control License Wisconsin BGL, LLC/Country Thunder USA

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

Capt. Apker reported that there have been minimal changes. BGL bought Country Thunder. The same management is in place and representatives were at the meeting. Sgt. Hallisy submitted two reports. Due to success last year, some requirements were reduced. Speed bumps were determined a hazard and removed. Crossings were purchased last year and will be used again. They have to stipulate to a couple last minute things like portable toilets. Requirements have always been complied with. A letter of credit for the amount of \$135,000 was submitted by Wisconsin BGL for County related services from the Highway Dept., Health Dept., Joint Services and Law Enforcement Agencies. Estimated law enforcement needed will be 360 hours for \$109,000. The event was very successful last year. Traffic was a non-issue so traffic control has

been reduced with increased patrol on grounds. Over 400 citations were issued last year for underage drinking resulting in over \$100,000 in revenue. There were no major incidents and no complaints.

Michel asked if there would be the second event this year. Apker responded no. Clark commented that the event was the best ever last year. There is good control over what needs to be done. Michel said he appreciates getting this resolution early. County Executive Alan Kehl reported that he has a meeting scheduled to address some concerns, however, expects that administration wise everything will be OK. He will let Chairman know.

Discussion Regarding the Mayor's Desire to Change the Financial and/or Organizational Structure of Kenosha City/County Joint Services:

Sue Marcinkus explained that currently the costs for Joint Services are shared 50/50. The Mayor would like some entity (either City or County) to take control; the County take control and levy taxpayers; or divide the areas of expense for Joint Services between the City and County. Joint Services was created in 1981 as a tax saving by consolidating services. Millions of dollars have been saved. Racine has numerous dispatch centers that duplicate services and is now trying to consolidate without success. The formula has always been 50/50. Michel asked about other municipalities besides City and County and if they were included in the figures provided. Marcinkus said they are listed as other. Michel said some statistics show the City is paying more. Marcinkus agreed the City does end up paying more, however, the County pays more than 50% for things like the 911 phone system and infrastructure at a cost of about 1.3 million. This is not realized because it is not run through Joint Services' budget. Michel asked that if the City backed out of the contract who would be responsible to provide services. Marcinkus said the City would have to provide their own services. Supr. Rose said he would like the Board to take a position. He believes it is a regressive idea to break up the department. Many people think there should be joint law enforcement between the City and County. It is not just the quantity of the calls but the quality, nature, and service of the call. He disagrees with the Mayor that there is no control, the department has a Board. The Mayor and County have designees on the Board. They do have control over the budget. He would like a position as an entity and encourages drafting a resolution. Clark commented that when Joint Services was created everyone was happy with the 50/50 split. The County is not mandated to provide services for the City. Marcinkus believes the County is only obligated to provide wireless services. Kehl said that any party can walk at any time, however, then has to provide their own services. The County would have to provide in an emergency. They should be enhancing, not reducing. Fire, rescue, and law enforcement should have the capability to communicate with each other. Kehl said there is a meeting on 6/25 and they are close to putting together a recommendation. 2007 is covered by budget. It may be premature to come forward as a County with a timetable.

Clark said that the continuation of Joint Services is needed and is equitable. The Joint Services Board meets infrequently and many times lacks a quorum. Things need to be fair and equitable. The City needs to make a decision timely, not in November and say they're out. Issues with the Health Dept. were worked out. Power must be put aside for the benefit of taxpayers. Rose asked if the 6/25 meeting could be postponed. Kehl replied yes. Rose believes the County should go in with a position or postpone the meeting. Clark said the meeting should go forward as scheduled and the County Executive try to work through and address concerns. This can be discussed at a subsequent meeting. Kehl said the County provides many things that they do not ask the City to share. Cooperation is needed, not separation. He will contact the Chairman after the meeting. Budget is in place through year-end. Michel said we only have so much control because the City could pull out. Sheriff commented that we are far above what others have. There are very few

complaints. Budgets are due soon and he is nervous without knowing the outcome. What Joint Services does has saved millions over the past years. Rose said that after the meeting, possibly a special meeting should be called.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 p.m. on motion by Clark, seconded by Booth.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree