

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**June 11, 2008**  
**KCAB 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM**

**Members Present:** William Michel II, James Huff, Bob Haas, Ronald Johnson, Roger Johnson

**Others Present:** Dayuin Hallmon, Dana Sorensen, Asma Kadri, Capt. Larry Apker, Lt. Paul Falduto, Robert Zapf, Kathy Kemen, Jess Feekes, Larry Barr, Michelle VanDeBogert, Glenn Starnes, T. Flores

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

**Citizen Comments:** None

**Supervisor Comments:** None

**Chairman Comments:** Several awards are to be given, some relating to Deputy Fabiano. Supr. Michel would speak with Chairman Clark about an award ceremony at the County Board meeting.

**Minutes Read:** May 14, 2008 and May 20, 2008

**Motion by:** Ronald Johnson **Seconded by:** Haas **Approved:** unanimously

**Resolution from the Office of the District Attorney:**

1) Wisconsin DOJ Project Safe Neighborhood Grant Award

**Motion by:** Haas **Seconded by:** Roger Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

District Attorney Robert Zapf presented the resolution to accept \$83,305 in grant money from the State of WI Office of Justice Assistance. A portion of the grant funds has been approved to purchase a laptop computer with supporting software. The majority of these monies have been approved to fund an additional prosecutor during the grant period of 1/1/08 to 12/31/08. The funding of an additional prosecutor will allow a senior prosecutor to vertically prosecute all gun-related cases ensuring that an experienced prosecutor prosecutes the most violent crimes committed by the most violent criminals.

Supr. Michel asked if this is a continuation of the previous gun grant or if someone had to be laid off and re-hired. Zapf responded that it is a continuation and that Gravely would be handling cases. Salaries are paid at the State level so there is no cost to Kenosha Co. Supr. Huff commented that the resolution does not include that the position is eliminated if the grant runs out. Zapf said that this is standard and the person knows. Huff requested that a note be included when the resolution is presented to the County Board stating that this does not affect our budget.

**Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:**

1) Probationary Cabaret License – Nonni's Italian Bistro & Bar

**Motion by:** Ronald Johnson **Seconded by:** Huff **Approved:** unanimously

Capt. Apker presented the resolution. Owner, Jess Feekes, was present at the meeting. Apker reported that this is a new business and that all requirements have been met. Only contacts were related to the cabaret application process. Feekes said they would be having karaoke.

2) Activity Control License Wisconsin BGL (Country Thunder):

**Motion by:** Haas                      **Seconded by:** Roger Johnson                      **Approved:** unanimously

Capt. Apker explained that only this license is needed because there is an active cabaret license. No problems are expected with obtaining the Class B Liquor License from the Town of Randall. This is needed for the cabaret license to be in effect. Apker toured the festival grounds today and everything was in order. Security and personnel have been arranged. A diagram was included in the packets. The letter of credit for \$120,000 should be sufficient because the festival is four days this year instead of the five days last year.

Michel asked if the Sheriff's Dept. would be immediately giving out literature regarding the diversionary program. Apker responded yes, a ticket and a pamphlet. Michel asked if the literature is given at the discretion of the officer. Apker said that the pamphlet is given no matter what. If the offender is more aggressive additional tickets are given such as disorderly conduct. Michel asked if there would be lost revenue due to the diversionary program. Apker affirmed some. Michel asked if the program is in Kenosha or if offenders could attend elsewhere. Zapf explained that the program is done here through HOPE. If the program is completed successfully the charges are dropped. Remedial information is given to help prevent re-offenses. This keeps charges off the records of young people that could be adversely affected for college and scholarships. Some will just pay the ticket, some will contest the ticket, and some will negotiate for a lesser fine. There were 541 citations last year and only a small percentage attended class. This year they expect more. Judges support the program. Michel commented that the majority of the citations are given in the campground. He thought that possibly information could be sent out with the campground confirmation. Apker said they are already informed that underage drinking will not be allowed.

Apker reported that there are very few changes with the festival this year. Things went well last year. Roads were OK even with the rain. Michel commented that the festival is much improved; originally there were serious offenses. Apker attributed the improvements to working together. County Thunder has complied with everything the Sheriff's Dept. has asked for.

3) 2008 Country Thunder Event – Request to Establish Expense and Revenue Budgets for Services

**Motion by:** Ronald Johnson    **Seconded by:** Huff                      **Approved:** unanimously

This resolution is to accept a budget modification to increase revenue by \$120,000 and increase expenditure budgets by \$120,000 to accommodate bond posted for security at Country Thunder. This does not affect tax levy.

4) 2008 COPS Technology Grant

**Motion by:** Haas                      **Seconded by:** Roger Johnson                      **Approved:** unanimously

Lt. Falduto presented the resolution to accept \$177,707 in grant money from the U.S. Dept. of Justice to be used to put digital audio and video recording devices in Sheriff's Dept. marked squad cars. No tax levy or match is needed. Supr. Haas asked if other municipalities could be on this system and get this equipment. Falduto said they possibly could in the future. He also stated that other municipalities might not be receptive if they would have to comply with KSD requirements. Haas said he would still like this offered.

5) WI OJA Equipment Grant for Digital Recording of Custodial Interrogations

**Motion by:** Haas                      **Seconded by:** Ronald Johnson                      **Approved:** unanimously

Lt. Falduto presented the resolution to accept \$6,730 from the WI Office of Justice Assistance to fund the cost of digital audio and/or video audio recording devices to meet the

requirements of 2005 Wisconsin Act 60 regarding ensuring accurate accounts of in-custody interrogations. The funds will provide the necessary equipment to set up one custodial interview/interrogation room at the Public Safety Building. No tax levy or match is required. Supr. Roger Johnson commented that this is mandate that other municipalities will also have to comply with.

6) Rotary Club of Kenosha Equipment Grant

**Motion by:** Roger Johnson **Seconded by:** Haas

**Approved:** unanimously

This resolution is to accept \$3,395 from the Rotary Club of Kenosha to purchase night vision equipment for the Patrol Division. Michel asked how many would be purchased. Lt. Falduto replied one and it would be kept in the Supervisor's car.

**Any Other Business Allowed by Law:** None

**Meeting Adjourned:**

7:40 p.m. on motion by Ronald Johnson, seconded by Haas.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree