

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
November 12, 2008
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

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

Others Present: Dana Sorensen, Asma Kadri, Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Capt. Larry Apker, Nancy Otis, Bob Zapf, Kathy Kemen

Meeting Called to Order: 6:45 p.m. by Chairman William Michel II

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: Supr. Breunig would like a joint meeting with U.W. Extension after the first of the year to discuss a program Rock County has whereby master gardeners work with inmates to grow their own food. Discussion would include the Sheriff to determine if this could be implemented and cost effective for Kenosha Co.

Minutes Read: October 8, 2008

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

Resolutions from the Kenosha Co. Sheriff's Department:

1) Probationary Cabaret License – Bristol 45 Diner

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

Capt. Apker presented the resolution. This is a new establishment built about a year ago. Owner, Glen Nelson, attended the meeting. This is unlike a usual restaurant with a Class B liquor license. Alcohol is not promoted but available upon request. They would like to have occasional entertainment such as an Elvis impersonator. They have already been issued a special event license for an Elvis impersonator.

2) Probationary Cabaret License – Towne Square

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

This business came under new ownership in August 2007. They applied for a cabaret license at that time but because they did not pass the building inspection the license did not go through. They have re-applied and have now met all requirements.

3) Cabaret License – Nonni's Italian Bistro and Bar

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

This is a conversion from a probationary to a regular cabaret license. There have been no issues at all. The probationary is due to expire December 17, however, due to the County Board only meeting on December 2 in December this is being brought forward now.

4) Recognizing Unanticipated Revenue Surplus to Fund Overtime

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

Nancy Otis explained that this resolution is to recognize a portion of the anticipated surplus in Federal Inmate Housing revenue of \$557,000 and increase overtime budgets in other business units. Michel asked if the overtime is due to federal inmates and if this is all to cover jailer overtime. Otis replied that this includes all operational costs and that some does attribute to federal inmates. She gave the following distribution breakdown: Downtown Correctional Officers \$47,000; Patrol \$284,000; Detectives \$38,000; and KCDC Direct Supervision Officers \$208,000. After this there will still be negative amounts that will require more movement such as from unspent regular salaries. Michel asked if KSD would be coming for more money this year. Otis responded yes but they only expect transfers within money already allocated for 2008 expenses.

Supr. Haas asked Chief Deputy Smith if the Traffic Interdiction Unit could be put out on the road. Smith replied that they hope to get some units out by the end of the month and more in December and January. Officers are just completing training. They do expect that any revenue this may create for this year would be insignificant. Haas also asked Smith to check into moving radar guns. He does not believe these to be too expensive. Smith replied that this is mainly a matter of philosophy. Handheld stationary units have been more practical for how they use them.

Supr. Huff asked about the nine jailers to be added after the first of the year and if their regular salaries are budgeted. Otis explained that they do intend to fill these positions; however, routine turnaround always keeps them behind with staff. These positions are all in the 2009 budget.

Resolutions from the Office of the District Attorney:

1) Budget Modification to Appropriate Funds from the County General Fund for Expenses Incurred for Jensen/Lopez-Quintero trials and Anticipated Budget Line-Item Overages

Motion by: Huff

Seconded by: Roger Johnson

Approved: unanimously

Robert Zapf explained that this modification is to replenish line items. They had two cases in 2008 that resulted in inordinate expenses including witness fees and transcript costs. The Jensen case, now in the appellate process, is causing more expense such as transcript costs. Kathy Kemen added that there are bills waiting to be paid for transcription. Paper Service Fee has increased; they need to use more private process servers. Interpreter Fees have more that doubled. Trial location in Walworth County resulted in extra costs for transportation. Michel asked about interpreter fees being in the Clerk of Court's budget. Kemen replied that this in not until 2009 budget. Zapf added that medical examiner costs have increased because former Medical Examiner Dr. Mainland needs to be brought back from Florida to testify about autopsies she performed. Michel said that notice should be sent to Bob Reidl to determine our responsibility for costs to bring her back. Michel will contact Reidl. Supr. Roger Johnson asked if sufficient money is budgeted in 2009 if we have to pay for Dr. Mainland to be brought back here several times. Zapf replied that he hopes so, they won't know until other expenses are annualized.

Huff asked if this resolution is to only reimburse costs to date and if the District Attorney would be back for more money. Kemen replied that she tried to project through the end of the year.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 p.m. on motion by Roger Johnson, seconded by Ronald Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree