

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
March 1, 2017
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Leah Blough, Boyd Frederick, Greg Retzlaff, Mike Skalitzky, Jeff Wamboldt, YIG Sydney Robson

Others Present: Sheriff David Beth, Capt. Ken Weyker, Sgt. Mike Weyker, Nancy Otis

Meeting Called to Order: 6:33 p.m. by Chairwoman Leah Blough

Citizen Comments: 6:33: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:33: None

Chairwoman Comments: 6:34: None

Approval of the Minutes from February 1, 2017:

Motion by: Frederick **Seconded by:** Wamboldt **Approved:** unanimously

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

- 1) Probationary Cabaret License - Ray's Change-A-Pace

Motion by: Skalitzky **Seconded by:** Retzlaff **Approved:** unanimously

6:34: Capt. Ken Weyker reported that this is a well-established business. Sheriff's Department inspection of the premise was completed on February 3, 2017. Everything was fine except that they must have a building inspection completed within the six-month probationary period.

- 2) Cabaret License – Sandlots of Salem

Motion by: Frederick **Seconded by:** Skalitzky **Approved:** unanimously

6:36: Capt. Ken Weyker presented the resolution converting the license from probationary to regular. During the six-month probationary period, there was only one issue and that was a traffic related accident. He has no objection to the approval of this resolution.

- 3) Donation from Kenosha County Tavern League to the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department for the Canine Program

Motion by: Skalitzky **Seconded by:** Wamboldt **Approved:** unanimously

6:37: Sheriff Beth presented the resolution to accept \$10,000 from the Kenosha County Tavern League as a donation for the purpose of supporting the canine program. The Department lost a canine last year due to a growth on his spine. This money will support the replacement of the canine and supporting equipment. The breeder will give a discount on this canine. Supr. Wamboldt asked if dogs are insured in the event of premature passing. Sheriff replied no. Supr. Retzlaff asked if the canine will be trained. Sheriff explained partially; much of the training is done along with the handler. Supr. Blough asked if this is the first donation received from the Tavern League. Sheriff affirmed. He received a suggestion to give a presentation to the League; he did; and we were offered the donation.

- 4) 2017 WI Dept. of Justice – COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force Grant

Motion by: Skalitzky

Seconded by: Wamboldt

Approved: unanimously

6:40: Sgt. Mike Weyker presented the resolution to accept \$15,000 from the Wisconsin Dept. of Justice. This is our portion of a \$75,000 award given to the Racine County Sheriff's Dept., for allocation among the five Southeast Wisconsin counties. The funds will provide reimbursement for the cost of overtime hours worked for locating and investigating illicit activities involving heroin/opiate trafficking/distribution and possession. Supr. Skalitzky asked for some statistics on the success of the drug unit. Sgt. Weyker replied that they are operating full speed. In 2017 their seizures have already included cocaine, 147 g. of marijuana, and 50 g. of heroin. A recent raid on Liberty Foods in Kenosha found that they were allegedly selling drugs; arrests were made; and the business was closed.

Wamboldt asked if the unit sees any correlation between human trafficking and drugs. Weyker replied that he has heard of this, however, seen none here so far. The Sheriff interjected that this type of activity does occur at the interstate; they work the hotels and rest stops. Wamboldt commented about heroin found to be mixed with fentanyl causing deaths. Retzlaff commented that drug users can benefit from being arrested. Sheriff confirmed that the District Attorney does have a program, which if arrested, the charge will be deferred if the offender goes through treatment. Treatment includes shots and counseling.

The Sheriff explained that they are looking at a texting program, which Lake County has to send tips for people who may need help. We are looking to have Narcan in squads to be used if needed to counter act overdoses. The Sheriff's Dept. encourages families to let them come in to bring people for treatment. Skalitzky asked if this is different than the District Attorney's program. The Sheriff affirmed, however, they would work with the District Attorney. They are just starting to explore additional approaches. Capt. Weyker added that possession of heroin is a felony, which hopefully someday, can be addressed with a treatment option instead of incarceration.

5) 2017 WI Dept. of Justice – COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Grant

Motion by: Skalitzky

Seconded by: Wamboldt

Approved: unanimously

6:52: Sgt. Mike Weyker presented this resolution to accept \$3,000 from the Wisconsin Dept. of Justice. This is our portion of a \$20,000 award given to the Walworth County Sheriff's Department for allocation among the five Southeast Wisconsin counties. The funds will provide reimbursement for Kenosha Co. Sheriff's Dept. KDOG Unit and other agency detectives; cost of overtime hours worked for locating and investigating illicit activities involving methamphetamine trafficking, distribution and possession.

6) 2017 Request for Approval to Purchase Equipment & Supplies Using Funding from the KDOG Task Force Federal Equitable Sharing fund

Motion by: Skalitzky

Seconded by: Wamboldt

Approved: unanimously

6:54: Capt. Ken Weyker presented the resolution. The KDOG Unit Task Force has had an agreement with the Dept. of Justice, Federal Equitable Sharing Program for many years. KDOG has earnings posted by this program, which represent the equitable share of forfeited property and proceeds to KDOG, resulting from items sold and/or cash seized in drug cases under federal jurisdiction. KDOG earns a percentage of the proceeds based on the participation in drug investigations that result in adjudication. These funds will be used for equipment, long overdue, for the Patrol Division and Sheriff Special Teams. No tax money is needed; this would transfer \$174,070. A sample of items needed are suits for the dive team; tactical and riot equipment for riot units; and trauma kits including Narcan. Skalitzky asked if the money can be used for confidential informants. Weyker replied yes. Supr. Frederick interjected that the Sheriff's Department knows what equipment they need to do their jobs and protect the community.

7) 2017 Request to Accept Tactical Vehicle Acquired thru Federal 1033 Surplus Equipment Program

Motion by: Skalitzky

Seconded by: Wamboldt

Approved: with Retzlaff
Dissenting

Sheriff Beth presented the resolution to receive from the Federal 1033 Program, a MRAP style tactical vehicle to aid the Sheriff's office in safety and security of the residents of Kenosha County, and if necessary, adjacent communities. Estimated value of the vehicle is greater than \$50,000. The Sheriff's Dept. will bear the cost of transportation of said vehicle and be responsible for the vehicle maintenance and any related costs, such as insurance. This resolution requires no additional funds from the general fund.

Sheriff stated that good questions and information requested by Supr. Skalitzky were answered and provided. The federal government paid \$680,000 for the unit offered to us, however, they said they wanted the unit picked up within two weeks. This was not possible, so they are not sure they will get the one originally offered. The units are in California, and they have rows of them ready to ship because they have updated newer models. This vehicle will transport the tactical team. This vehicle can be used to go into a hot zone to rescue someone. Our current Bear Cat went out 166 times last year.

Skalitzky thanked the Sheriff for responding to his requests; including insurance cost of about \$615/year. He will support this resolution.

Retzlaff stated that he is struggling with this. He stated that it comes down to necessity and image; and we already have a vehicle. YIG Lacroix asked for confirmation that we would be getting a MRAP and already have a Bear Cat. Sheriff replied yes, this is a bigger unit and we would then have one of each. The frame of a MRAP is by International and the frame of a Bear Cat is by Ford. This is an upgraded Bear Cat. Skalitzky also commented that it sounds like a lot of training will not be needed.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:10: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:10 on motion by Retzlaff; seconded by Frederick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree