

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
June 7, 2017
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Leah Blough, Greg Retzlaff, Boyd Frederick, YIG Anna Delisi, YIG Morgan Kolimaga

Others Present: Chief Deputy Marc Levin, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink

Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 p.m. by Chairwoman Leah Blough

Citizen Comments: 6:32: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:33: Supr. Retzlaff asked Chief Deputy how determinations are made when Crisis Intervention is on a call: whether to take them to a hospital; jail; shelter, etc. Chief Deputy explained that determinations are made on a case by case basis by crisis professionals. Retzlaff asked about determinations in the field by deputies: whether someone is under the influence or has psychiatric issues. Chief Deputy replied that officers rely on their training to determine what environment they should go to. It may be home, or a friend or family members' house. If a difficult case is brought to the hospital, they may get a return call to remove the person from the hospital.

Chairwoman Comments: 6:36: Chairwoman Blough welcomed the new Youth In Governance members. Supr. Skalitzy is their mentor. Blough explained to them that they will be asked for their opinions and to vote on items.

Approval of the Minutes from April 5, 2017:

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

2017 Federal Inmate/Detainee Housing Revenue Report for First Quarter 2017 Provided to Committee:

6:38: Chief Deputy confirmed that the average number of placements to date is 229/day. He believes that this is consistent with the first quarter of 2016. Today there are 53 U.S. Marshall inmates and 153 ICE detainees. Retzlaff asked what offenses federal placements are here on. Chief Deputy replied that U.S. Marshall inmates are here for charges relating to drugs, thefts, assaults, etc. Most ICE population have served their sentences and are in the process of deportation. Blough asked if we are seeing higher numbers due to the new Administration. Chief Deputy replied that he has not seen any changes himself. Retzlaff asked if the Chief Deputy had any insight on the fluctuation from February to March; and he did not.

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Country Thunder Activity Control License

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

6:45: Chief Deputy Smith presented the resolution for Capt. Weyker. Licensing and traffic planning are complete. The festival runs from July 20th to July 23rd at the Shadow Hill Ranch. Since 2014 there has been no change in ownership. The liquor license is with the Town of Randall and they intend to renew the license. Permits are approved. Planning & Development has given their approvals.

There are no major changes. They expect attendance to be about 35,000/day. The \$225,000 bond has been posted. Security provided will be consistent with last year, including assistance from other agencies. Road closures will occur as needed with residents being able to obtain placards for

access during closed times. Supr. Frederick commented that after comparing 2016 to 2017, he sees no significant changes. Retzlaff asked if arrests stay consistent. Chief Deputy reported that the more violent crimes have decreased with the years. Alcohol related offenses remain consistent. Blough asked if any changes have been made to alleviate the congestion trying to obtain entry. Chief Deputy replied that the road closures will hopefully help. You have many people going into one place.

Circuit Court Update on Court Activities and Staffing:

Rebecca Matoska-Mentink began by thanking Committee Members for funding her staffing requests. Since March 1, she has been at full staff for the first time in many years.

Matoska explained that it has been mandated to implement electronic filing. Retzlaff commented that this is necessary due to the massive amount of records. He would like to be informed if this becomes a budget issue. Matoska continued that they are going live on June 15. Attorneys, Child Support, District Attorney, etc., will have to file electronically. They will still have papers for ten years or so, however, new cases will go to electronic. Electronic files will be kept for future court activity. This will not result in time savings for quite some time. She does not anticipate the possibility of a reduction in staff for quite some time. Kenosha is the 51st county to go mandatory, however, they have been doing some voluntarily with outside attorneys. Outside contacts can come in for training.

Matoska distributed a handout with historical case filings from 2013 to 2016. They are busy because other agencies are busy. Civil cases have decreased primarily due to a decrease in foreclosures; criminal cases are up and down; traffic is dependent on the Sheriff's Department. For 2017, they are on track to meet goals.

Jurors are constituents and about 4,100 people have come in so far this year and were used toward 53 trials. They are summoned in on Mondays, and 95% of the trials start on Mondays. This way if they are not called for a jury on Monday, they will probably not be needed for the entire week. They try to be respectful of jurors' time.

Retzlaff asked about translators. Matoska reported that they get reimbursed by the State for this. Interpreters are blocked for a period of time, because they charge for a minimum number of hours; such as four. Some charge \$150/hour. Phone interpreters are sometimes used, however, this takes twice as long. Blough asked how phone interpreters charge. Matoska replied by the minute, so there is no minimum time requirement. The State reimburses \$40/hour for certified interpreters and \$30/hour for non-certified. Frederick asked why wills and trusts are down so significantly. Matoska replied possibly due to pre-planning, and her best guess, possible change in legislation.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:06: Frederick asked if the July meeting should be changed due to the holiday. Chairwoman Blough stated that it would be left at July 5. Retzlaff asked that someone from the District Attorney's Office attend the next meeting to report where they are at with electronic files; possible effects; as well as budget issues.

Meeting Adjourned:

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree