

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
July 9, 2014
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Daniel Esposito, Boyd Frederick, Ronald Johnson, Leah Blough, John Poole, Luke O'Neill (YIG), Spencer Wilker (YIG)

Others Present: Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Lt. Gil Benn, Lt. Tom Gilley, Nancy Otis, Arthur Jonas, and Lauren Jonas

Meeting Called to Order: 6:33 p.m. by Chairman Daniel Esposito

Citizen Comments: 6:33: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:33: None

Chairman Comments: 6:34: Chairman Esposito thanked the Sheriff's Department for attending to report on the 2014 budget.

Minutes Read: 6:35: June 11, 2014 Meeting

Motion by: Poole

Seconded by: Blough

Approved: unanimously

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

- 1) Probationary Cabaret License – Fire Pitt

Motion by: Frederick

Seconded by: Blough

Approved: unanimously

6:35: Lt. Tom Gilley presented the resolution in Capt. Weyker's absence. Business owners were also in attendance. Inspections have passed and are attached. All requirements have been met and fees paid. The business has been open since August with no problems and is a family-oriented business. Esposito asked if this is a new business or change of owner. Lt. Gilley replied that the business was acquired from their grandparents and was previously called High Spirits.

Resolution from the Administrative Services Division of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Bureau of Emergency Management:

- 1) Resolution to Approve the Re-appointment of Cynthia Johnson to Serve as a Member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee

Motion by: Frederick

Seconded by: Poole

Approved: unanimously

Lt. Gil Benn presented the resolution. The appointment is a three-year term through 2017. Ms. Johnson is an active member that is also on the Zion Decommissioning Committee. Esposito asked how long she has been on the committee. Benn replied since 2011. She has attended ten of the thirteen meetings and was excused for the ones she missed.

Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Report on 2014 Budget and Federal Inmate/Detainee Population:

Chief Deputy Charles Smith and Fiscal Manager Nancy Otis attended to present the report. Smith reported that the winter did affect some revenue. There were fewer citations issued due to the harsh winter and road construction. This negative effect could equal around \$100,000 if revenue does not increase. Detention Center phone revenue is down partly due to a federal ruling limiting charges. Phone revenue at the PreTrial is up a little however. Civil Process revenue is down due to fewer foreclosures.

Federal Housing revenue is doing well. 2014 revenue was budgeted for 195/day; this is down significantly from previous years. Esposito provided an overview of federal housing revenue for new Supervisors and Youth in Governance (YIG) members including concerns of over budgeting

revenue and being dependent on that revenue. Standards have to be met with these inmates/detainees. They require more but will not pay more. They have extra requirements including nursing. He wants the Committee to realize the risks and the significant part of the budget. Supr. Blough asked if the payment rate is fixed. Chief Deputy Smith replied \$70/day according to an Intergovernmental Agreement with the U.S. Marshalls. Blough asked how this rate is determined. Chief Deputy explained that expenses are submitted including personnel and operational. When the amount was established the rate was good. Now a raise would be warranted but they do not have the money. Reimbursement per diem is paid for transportation costs as well as transport personnel. Marshall Inmates are inmates that have committed felonies. Immigration Detainees are primarily being held for deportation after serving sentences. We are reimbursed for medical costs. Housing federal inmates/detainees generates a lot of work. We get inspected frequently. The bright side is the revenue.

Chief Deputy continued that the cost of detentions represents about 65% of the Sheriff's budget; two-thirds manpower. We are the only county in the state, except Milwaukee, that has two facilities. There are over two-hundred people assigned to detentions.

Politics and money affects the federal government paying. Following are the average numbers per day housed from January through June:

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| January | 236 |
| February | 221 |
| March | 203 |
| April | 190 |
| May | 249 |
| June | 268 (estimate) |

We are running well ahead of budgeted. At this time a surplus of \$455,000 is projected. In August they will have to come to the Committee to redirect the surplus to cover shortages; primarily overtime due to staff shortages. They are planning to re-fund some of the jobs previously defunded. Esposito asked for a comparison of overtime to last year. Chief Deputy replied that last year was also high; they are running about the same. The County Board gave permission to higher earlier; however, people are leaving as soon as they come. They can't get ahead with overtime. Staff needs twenty-four hours worth of re-certification training each year that is covered by overtime. Paid Time Off, Accident & Sickness, Workers Compensation, etc. are covered by overtime. Injuries occur relating to guarding inmates/detainees. Standards are not as high for correctional staff as for deputies because correctional staff is more controlled. Current tax levy cannot support staff if the federal revenue is not there.

About eight million dollars has been returned to the General Fund under Sheriff David Beth's term.

Esposito offered that the Committee will have a meeting at the Detention Center to get a better idea of operations as well as tour the PreTrial.

Chief Deputy continued that the Sheriff is responsible for a total of 1,041 inmates/detainees. Two hundred twenty four are out on programs or Electronic Monitoring (EM). EM started this year and today there are forty-one out on the program. This is on target and leaves room for federal placements. The Detention Center is dependent on Inmate Workers for laundry and kitchen duties. EM has reduced the candidate pool for this. Workers are assigned first to the Sheriff's Department with any extras allowed to go out to other facilities and organizations.

Esposito added that the Marshall Placement numbers are more stable; around fifty to sixty. The spike is with Immigration. Chief Deputy stated that Marshall numbers were higher until federal administration changed directing them to Milwaukee. Requirements are not as high for Marshall Inmates. Tri-County, Dodge and McHenry are the only other Immigration housing facilities. Housing numbers were in the red for only one year of the past fifteen. Esposito added that the County depends on the money, which goes to the General Fund to support other areas. Without this revenue, the burden would go to taxpayers.

Chief Deputy stated that there has only been an average of a 1.8% per year increase in the Sheriff's budget over his twelve years. The 2014 fleet of cars will come around September. The New Mobile Command Unit is in use. Esposito asked if the Unit will be at Country Thunder and Chief Deputy replied yes; unless it is needed more urgently elsewhere. There are ten operators trained to use the Unit. It takes two people each time it goes out. Advanced communication equipment can communicate with different types of systems. The independent Dispatch Center is almost complete in the Unit. Bomb Equipment and robots are kept in the Unit. There are only six bomb units in Wisconsin. We cover Racine and westward almost to the Mississippi River. The federal government gives grant money for operation as well as both robots.

Esposito asked that the Committee and YIG be provided a tour and added that this Mobile Command Unit is for the betterment of Kenosha County and its civilians. It has a long shelf-life.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:16: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:16 p.m. on motion by Poole, seconded by Frederick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree