

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
May 14, 2014
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Daniel Esposito, Ronald L. Johnson, Boyd Frederick, Anita Johnson, David Arrington, Leah V. Blough, John Poole

Others Present: Sheriff David Beth, Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Capt. Ken Weyker, District Attorney Robert Zapf, Personnel Director Robert Reidl, James Hawkins, Mark Madory

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Daniel Esposito

Citizen Comments: 6:31 p.m.: None

Supervisor Comments: 6:31 p.m.: None

Chairman Comments: 6:32 p.m.: Chairman Esposito welcomed Supervisors Blough and Poole to the Committee.

Minutes Read: 6:32 p.m.: April 9, 2014

Motion by: B. Frederick **Seconded by:** Arrington **Approved:** unanimously

Resolution from the Judiciary & Law Enforcement and Finance/Administration Committees:

- 1). Request to Approve the Appointment of James Hawkins to the Kenosha County Civil Service Commission

Motion by: B. Frederick **Seconded by:** A. Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

6:32 p.m.: Personnel Director Robert Riedl welcomed Supervisors Blough and Poole to the Committee indicating that he is there representing the Civil Service Commission. The Commission is nominating James Hawkins for the vacant position that was formerly held by Bob Trapp who retired after two terms of service. Mr. Hawkins introduced himself stating that he is a life-long resident of Kenosha, retired from the Kenosha News after 42 years and has been active in the community on various committees, including the Police and Fire Commission and the Museum Board. He is honored and thankful that he has been afforded the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

Sheriff Beth was present and introduced himself to Supervisors Blough and Poole and went to describe the new Sheriff's Mobile Command Unit to the new members and stated that it will be available for viewing for the County Board at the meeting next week on May 20th. He wanted to thank the Committee for their support and went on to explain how the funds were obtained through an unused bomb unit grant and unused funds from other areas in order to help pay for the unit. This is a multi-functional vehicle and the maker of the unit, LDV stated that this vehicle is the only one of its kind.

Resolution from the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee:

- 1). Request to Approve the Appointment of Mark Modory to the Kenosha Joint Services Board

Motion by: Arrington **Seconded by:** B. Frederick **Approved:** unanimously

6:41 p.m.: Mr. Madory introduced himself and spoke about his past appointments to the Joint Services Board and looking forward to working on the new Public Safety Software. Supervisor A. Johnson commented that she has sat on the Joint Services Board with Mr. Madory in the past and thought him an asset and excellent member of the Board and she is looking forward to working with him again.

Resolution from the Finance/Administration Committee:

1.) Resolution to Fund the District Attorney Office Investigator Position

Motion by: A. Johnson ***Seconded by:*** B. Frederick ***Approved:*** unanimously

6:44 p.m.: District Attorney Zapf welcomed the new members and moved on to

explain that Personnel Director Reidl will be talking about funding for the position while he will be covering the justification for this position. This is a continuation of an issue that was previously raised in the budget for limited funds for an Office Investigator. State statute provides, subject to county funding, that the District Attorney may appoint an investigator. Last year his office had come forward with a proposal that would have funded a person as an independent contractor. His office had contacted a number of individuals, mostly retired law enforcement personnel. They all respectfully declined due to issues of liability since the funding was not sufficient. A new proposal was sent to the County Executive, which included the retooling of personnel in Victim Witness due to the retirement of Sandy Bertelli, showing the unused salary funds due to the personnel movements. He feels it is more appropriate to have a full time investigator working under the District Attorney's authority.

Robert Riedl reaffirmed that this position was previously approved by the Board and funded for \$40,000.00. As D.A. Zapf had stated earlier, they could not get qualified individuals to accept that position at that salary. The D.A.'s office has undergone some changes which has made money available in the Personnel budget, leaving a positive variance in the budget, for the D.A.'s Office that when the \$40,000.00 was added toward those unused funds, the County could afford to hire the Investigator. He also reminded everyone that this position is listed under non-classified jobs and is subject to review and approval on an annual basis by the County Board during Finance Committee hearings.

Resolution from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1.) Activity Control License – County Thunder East, LLC

Motion By: Arrington ***Seconded By:*** Frederick ***Approved:*** unanimously

7:05 p.m. Capt. Weyker presented the Activity Control License which is a couple of

months ahead of schedule. This is for the County Thunder Music Festival that is held at the Shadow Hill Ranch in Twin Lakes on July 24th to the 27th. It has come under new ownership of a law firm in Odessa, Texas. They have appointed a Gary Martin as their agent to oversee this event. Mr. Martin has also licensed the property for the Class B Liquor License. The License has been granted and is pending approval on July 1st. The Town of Randall has already verbally notified the Sheriff's Department that they will approve the License on July 1st. The Conditional Use Permit has been completed and submitted. Capt. Weyker also mentioned that the production company is sending the \$100,000.00 bond for law enforcement services. This is on top of them also providing their own security. The Sheriff's Department typically has 25 to 30 officers at a time all day long on the grounds. There is law enforcement presence at all times during the festival. There will also be additional squads added to address the parking issues that the private property owners have during this time.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law:

7:11 p.m.: None

Meeting Adjourned:

7:12 p.m. on motion by Poole, seconded by Arrington.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Battellini