

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
January 12, 2005
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Jim Huff, Brenda Carey-Mielke, Terry Rose, William Michel II, Susan Deschler

Others Present: Sheriff David Beth, Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Nancy Otis, Mike Williams, Lt. Harvey Hedden, Ben Schliesman

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff.

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: Supr. Carey-Mielke passed around copies of a letter she drafted to Larry Barr for Country Thunder. The letter expressed support for the Sheriff in imposing a "Plan of Action" and timeline requirements for Country Thunder 2005. The letter was acceptable by all Committee Members and was to be mailed Certified, Return Receipt.

Chairman Comments: Supr. Huff reported that he had asked Corporation Counsel Frank Volpintesta to look into Adult Entertainment Licensing. This was delayed due to the casino proposal, however, he will now contact him to proceed. Huff also reported that it now looks like discussion with Building & Grounds and Fred Patrie regarding the 911 expansion and video conferencing will be delayed until February.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) HIDTA FY 2004 Grant Award

Motion by: Rose

Seconded by: Michel

Approved: unanimously

Nancy Otis presented this resolution to accept \$40,970 from the Office of National Drug Control Policy under the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) initiative, which has been established to focus on disrupting and dismantling local, regional, and national-level drug and money laundering organizations. This is the second year the funds have been awarded to provide overtime reimbursement, support equipment, and training. Last year's money was used for overtime, specific investigations, and to cover I-94. Pleasant Prairie and Kenosha Police were reimbursed when they were included. This grant is divided among overtime and staff development. KSD will be looking into leasing a vehicle for a canine unit. Prior discussions about a dog and handler never resulted in an agreement of terms with the Deputy Sheriff's Association. Supr. Michel asked why KCDC dogs do not qualify. Sheriff explained that dogs are trained to a specific handler and that KCDC officers are not certified officers to go on the road. KCDC handlers do perform school searches. Otis explained that money is not currently designated for a dog handler, however, because KSD is allowed to move this grant money they may do so if a dog handler comes to fruition. Michel asked what we have to do to be in the Milwaukee HIDTA Program. Sheriff responded that there is a quarterly meeting and we would have to assist if help is needed in another county. Lt. Hedden added that we must agree to participate in interdiction. We join other agencies around the country to patrol highways in attempts to make it difficult to transport drugs. Michel asked if the grant would be renewable for a few years. Lt. Hedden replied that the grant is already approved through 2006. Supr. Rose asked how much money for a dog. Sheriff said \$9-12,000. Michel asked if a dog could be transferred from KCDC. Sheriff explained that the life expectancy

of a police dog is 7-8 years and KCDC has already been open for 7 years. Michel asked if money has been budgeted to replace KCDC dogs. Sheriff explained that KSD is being paid by nursing homes to check employees and that money is being saved for dog replacement.

2) Sheriff's Department Banking Services

Motion by: Carey-Mielke **Seconded by:** Deschler **Approved:** unanimously

Kenosha County recently RFP'd for banking services. Johnson Bank won the bid and KSD was invited to also use Johnson Bank as the public depository for the Sheriff's Department's Administrative Services, Inmate, Special Deposit, Community Relations, and Commissary Accounts. This is a cost efficient change for the KSD. In order to maintain the current account signatories, Johnson Bank requires a resolution stating who is authorized as a signatory.

3) Kenosha County Pre-Trial Intensive Supervision Program VIII

Motion by: Rose **Seconded by:** Carey-Mielke **Approved:** unanimously

This resolution is to accept a grant for \$72,871. These funds are available for the eighth year through the Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety in their effort to improve traffic safety in Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Correctional Service (WCS) will facilitate the project. Repeat DWI offenders will be screened to receive intensive counseling treatment and supervision in lieu of incarceration in an effort to effectively deter repeat offenses. The total operating budget for the Intensive Sanctions program is funded by four sources: State DOT grant award; Client Fees collected by WCS from participants totaling \$32,804; Sheriff's Dept. in-kind match of \$26,915; and Sheriff's Department hard match of \$49,000 authorized in 2005 budget, for a total operating budget of \$181,590. Rose asked if there is anything new. Nancy Otis responded no. Supr. Huff asked for a number of participants. Otis said there were 276 admissions throughout the year. Chief Deputy added that they maintain about 140 participants.

4) Jail Literacy Project Funding

Motion by: Carey-Mielke **Seconded by:** Rose **Approved:** unanimously

This is a second year grant totaling \$30,000. The grant funds have been awarded to continue to provide primary literacy services to incarcerated individuals as well as support secondary education services, specifically job search skills, in an effort to reduce the recidivist rate experienced with inmates of low income and poor education skills. The funding will purchase services through community support/educational organizations to provide classroom instruction, personal tutoring services for participating inmates, post release job search follow-up, and office supplies. The required local match of \$3,333 will be met with in-kind costs provided by department staff supervision and Gateway Technical College staff hours through a contract for services currently funded by the Sheriff's Department Detention Division. Michel asked who writes the grants. Sheriff responded that this varies and includes Lt. Hedden, Nancy Otis, and Mike Williams. Williams reported good results from last year with teaching and follow-up after release. Rose asked how many people are in the program. Williams said there were 103 participants last year. This year's grant was a few thousand more because 23 people got their GED. Michel asked how long it takes to get the GED. Williams explained that to estimate a time period he would say about 7 week, however, this varies. Supr. Deschler asked how many volunteers there are. Williams answered that the educators and outside organizations are paid. Michel asked if the participants could get services after release if they were unable to obtain the GED while incarcerated. Williams replied yes, at Gateway.

Resolutions from Emergency Management:

1) FY04 Homeland Security Local Planning Grant

Motion by: Michel

Seconded by: Rose

Approved: unanimously

The Kenosha County Division of Emergency Management was awarded a FY04 Homeland Security Grant allocation amount totaling \$287,795. The grant, which is part of the FY04 Homeland Security Grant allocation, will be used to rewrite in part, the County's Emergency Operations Plan as required by the State and Federal Government. Previous Emergency Management employee, Geri Gloss, may be hired as a temporary.

2) FY04 Homeland Security Communication Interoperability Planning Grant

Motion by: Carey-Mielke

Seconded by: Michel

Approved: unanimously

This grant is for \$46,549 and will be used to conduct a detailed study of Kenosha's countywide first responder communication infrastructure so as to assess current equipment, identify issues/problems, and make recommendations for improvement including better communication interoperability both within Kenosha County and with our contiguous counties (Lake, McHenry, Racine and Walworth). Due to the technical requirements of this Study, the criticality of the Grant's outcome/results will allow Kenosha County to compete for future communications infrastructure improvement grants and the knowledge/background of the chosen consultant, BioCatt. \$22 million will be available statewide with a 25% local match. Schliesman reported that he has been appointed by Governor Doyle to be on the committee to distribute the 22 million.

Supr. Carey Mielke asked Schliesman about a flyer one of her constituents received addressing what people can do in the event of an emergency. The flyer suggested getting medical training. Her constituent said that he would like to help, however, he would be unable to go to Racine for the suggested training. Schliesman responded that the flyer was not local, it could have been from FEMA or Red Cross. He said there will be local courses offered and will contact the constituent with details.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law:

Sheriff Beth distributed a letter from Sgt. J.C. Smith regarding alternatives to incarceration in Outagamie County. The letter defines the programs, participants, and costs. Also attached were Eligibility Criteria for Outagamie County GPS and their Resolution incorporating the program. Sheriff Beth reported that he spoke with Bert Gary from Outagamie County and he said that it is pretty much a wash for the Sheriff's Dept. as far as personnel time and expense. They administer the GPS program with 36 participants. The GPS program was discussed at the December meeting. They have the Day Reporting Center, with 58 participants, mostly run by Human Services, with a few Sheriff Dept. employees and civilians. They report a 90% success rate with their clients; however, this program is in its first year. Outagamie Co. is not seeing a saving at this time and the Sheriff will monitor the program about every 3 months. Supr. Rose asked if the Day Reporting Program is like WCS. Sheriff responded that it is probably along the same lines and that it is handled through Human Services. Michel commented that we currently have no program like this and that a comparable program would provide some sort of community policing. This would be court ordered as an alternative. He also asked if the Sheriff's Dept. has a ranking of inmates for security level. Sheriff replied that inmates do have classification levels.

Meeting Adjourned:

7:40 p.m. on motion by Carey-Mielke, seconded by Michel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree