

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
May 11, 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, Capt. Larry Apker, Ben Schliesman, Sue Marcinkus, John Severs, Richard Pierangeli, Corri Hess

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

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: Supr. Carey-Mielke asked for a response timeline from Corporation Counsel regarding last year's request about the Pleasant Prairie Ordinance.

Supr. Rose commented about articles in the paper regarding Country Thunder and security. He asked that a discussion regarding security be added to next month's agenda. He suggested to request or subpoena some of the Deputy Sheriff's that were involved with and/or responded to the event to attend the meeting. He would like information shared about the VIP picnic and tent area.

Chairman Comments: None

Minutes Read: April 6, 2005 (2 meetings)

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

Resolution from Emergency Management:

1) Homeland Security Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program Grant

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

This grant is for \$88,582, 100% funded by Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance (OJA). The grant will be used to partner with the OJA and other state agencies in a pilot project to develop a website that will be a single point of access to justice information stored on incompatible computer systems operated by local law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, corrections, and other justice-related organizations. Benefits will be timely access to complete criminal justice information that is currently unavailable from the myriad of systems in place. Emergency Management will sole source this grant to Kenosha City/County Joint Services. They will in turn sole source the development of the website to ComSys, Inc., and the graphic designing to Tall Guy Productions. These relationships have all been approved in the Grant Application/Award Letters and supplemental e-mails.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Probationary Cabaret License – Barb and John's Hangar

Motion by: Rose **Seconded by:** Deschler **Approved:** unanimously

Capt. Apker reported that the establishment was formerly Paul's Place. The only call since 1/1/05 was for Cabaret Inspection and they were found to be in compliance. The owner, Mr. Severs, was present and reported that he will mainly have karaoke.

2) Probationary Cabaret License – “1146”

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

Apker reported that the establishment was formerly Lighthouse Distillery. Calls this year were for Cabaret check and 2 others: one an anonymous call for underage drinking for which none were found and the other to issue parking citations due to the crowd. This owner just took occupancy 5/6/05. The owner, Mr. Pierangeli, was in attendance at the meeting. Supr. Huff asked if Pierangeli applied in advance anticipating ownership; what type of entertainment he would have; and about past crowd reputation. Pierangeli replied yes to the application; that he was planning on a DJ, karaoke, and/or occasional live bands; and that he does not expect the same crowds. He will have a different type of music, security, and an ID Swipe system.

3) HIDTA FY 2005 Grant Award

Motion by: Carey-Mielke **Seconded by:** Michel II **Approved:** unanimously

Sheriff Beth reported that this is a third round of funding of \$40,970 for the calendar year 2005. The funding will allow for the purchase of certain authorized equipment to establish a Canine Unit and reimburse for HIDTA enforcement overtime. It is expected that there will be continued funding to support subsequent year costs associated with the HIDTA as long as the Sheriff agrees to participate in the Milwaukee HIDTA Enforcement Program. Should the funding cease, the Sheriff agrees to terminate the enforcement efforts unless another funding source is identified outside of tax levy dollars. Carey-Mielke asked if the Canine Handlers would be assigned from existing staff. Sheriff responded yes, Deputies Klinkhammer & Vacarro applied and were chosen. Huff asked if the dogs would be multi-purpose. Sheriff responded that the dogs will be used on the interstate for drug trafficking, they will walk around trucks and cars. It is suspected that there is much drug trafficking along I-94. The dogs may also be used for prisoner location. Canine school begins in September. They are currently bidding for cars. The grant only allows a lease for 3 years, then with the option to purchase. The project should be rolling by Thanksgiving. Rose asked if special cars are needed. Sheriff explained yes because special plastic and materials are needed so the dog does not damage the car. The cars can also be equipped so the dog may open the car if the handler is down.

4) 2005 SEADOG Multi-Jurisdiction Drug Task Force Grant

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

This grant is a continuation for the Sheriff's Drug Task Force through the WI Office of Justice Assistance; Byrne Drug Enforcement Task Force funding program in the amount of \$137,035 for 2005. Kenosha County along with Dodge, Jefferson, Racine, and Walworth counties have established a multi-jurisdictional task force entitled South East Area Drug Operations Group (SEADOG) in order to garner additional funds offered through the Byrne program. As a result of the joint effort Kenosha County's share of the award proceeds exceeds what had already been appropriated for our Task Force in the 2005 budget by \$15,498. The Sheriff wishes to apply the additional funding to support the confidential funds costs in investigations. Huff asked if the Sheriff needs to meet with the other counties. Sheriff replied yes, quarterly.

Resolution from Corporation Counsel:

1) A Resolution Allowing Joint Services Chairman to Extend Term or Appointment

This resolution was deferred to the next meeting to allow someone from the Corporation

Counsel office to attend to answer questions. Concerns included whether the Ordinance should be changed instead of allowing an exception for one person and that limits were previously set to avoid longevity.

Discussion Regarding Courthouse Security:

Courthouse Security is not as simple as placing a Deputy at the door. People working together on this include Court Representatives, Gail Gentz and the Sheriff. The Sheriff expressed fears that security would be pushed through with no Deputy Sheriffs and/or sworn personnel and only having a panic button. The best scenario would be to have four sworn deputies, however, it is cheaper to have 2 retired officers, one for xray & one for the magnetometer. Huff reported that the first meeting discussed just screening entrants and having them go through the metal detector, however, it has been determined that much more thorough planning and circumstances must be accounted for. Issues arose such as Saturday Courthouse usage for weddings and counseling. This is still a work in progress. Huff said that all plans will come before the Committee when ready and that Committee members are up to date with the packet information distributed. Supr. Michel asked if retired officers can carry firearms and if this would be an advantage. Sheriff responded yes. Rose asked about the contractor tools referenced. Sheriff explained that most of the tools a contractor carries would not be allowed so currently there are exceptions for maintenance. They would still go through the check process, however, an exception would be made to allow them to bring in the tools.

Bids are currently being sought for a handicap ramp for the main entrance on 56th Street. The elevator will have a camera installed, however, it has not yet been determined who will monitor it. There will also be a proximity reader. Michel asked if the main entrance would be the only access for the public with the other accesses only for employees; who will determine who gets cards; and if employees would be allowed to bring other people through on their cards. Huff responded that Fred Patrie has the final say so for cards and that there currently are accesses only for employees. Sheriff answered that currently only the people approved for access may enter through the private doors.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45 p.m. on motion by Carey-Mielke, seconded by Rose.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree