

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
September 13, 2006
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: William Michel II, Joseph Clark, Bob Haas

Others Present: Chief Deputy Charles Smith, Capt. Larry Apker, Nancy Otis, Richard Baak, Emily Ayshford

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman William Michel II

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: None

Minutes Read for Approval: August 9, 2006
Motion by: Clark **Seconded by:** Haas **Approved:** unanimously

After-Action Report for Country Thunder:

Capt. Apker reported that the major issue prior to the event was traffic. Accommodations were made including changing traffic approach routes, issuing "Resident Cards" to identify vehicles not going to the festival, and creating an illuminated pedestrian crosswalk with warning signs and flashing signals. These changes resulted in no traffic congestion or issues at all. In addition to the Sheriff's Dept., seven other agencies filled up the 55 positions per day to handle law enforcement and traffic control on and around the grounds. There were a total of 416 Ordinance violations and 8 State charges. Underage drinking citations still remained high, slightly more than last year. With all the citations issued, a strong message has been sent that underage drinking will not be tolerated at Country Thunder. Major incidents or crimes were again very low. Kenosha Courts were encouraged not to dismiss citations given. The sexual assault charges were between a vendor and employees.

Hedgepeth had smaller than expected crowds allowing the number of officers needed to be reduced. There were a total of 26 Ordinance violations with 9 for possession of marijuana. At this time, Hedgepeth is not scheduled for next year.

Supr. Michel asked if KSD could work with Country Thunder to evict people from the campground and if signs could be posted stating that underage drinking would not be allowed. Apker replied that both could be looked into. If wristbands were taken away the person would lose all access to the festival and campgrounds. Michel asked if there were complaints from the neighbors. Apker responded possibly only one on Saturday night. Supr. Haas commented that all involved should be commended. He did not receive any calls or complaints. He attended the festival and believes the event is under control. Apker said that the level of law enforcement for traffic next year would not be needed. KSD received positive comments from citizens about the traffic. Haas added that people came to the Command Center to commend and thank organizers.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Temporary FTE Increase in the Classification of Sergeant

Motion by: Clark **Seconded by:** Haas **Approved:** unanimously

Chief Deputy Smith explained that 15 months ago Deputy Frank Iovine went to Iraq. During his absence, a replacement was authorized to offset the personnel shortage. Iovine has now returned from military service. This resolution is to temporarily increase the number of Sergeant FTE's from 11 to 12. His salary and benefits will be covered within the existing Sheriff's budget. When a lieutenant retires in October this number will be brought back to 11. Supr. Clark asked about the promotion policy for lieutenant. Smith responded that there is testing and interviews for the position. From the top three candidates the Sheriff makes the appointment. Candidates can apply from ranks of both detective and sergeant. Haas asked if a four-year degree is needed for lieutenant. Smith said that an Associate's Degree is required for lieutenant and a four-year degree is required for captain. Clark asked who tested for lieutenant this time. Smith replied six sergeants, no detectives.

2) Cabaret License – Shadow Hill Ranch

Motion by: Clark **Seconded by:** Haas **Approved:** unanimously

Capt. Apker presented the resolution to convert the probationary cabaret license to a regular one. He explained that Richard Baak applied for the probationary in May 2005. The probationary period was extended to insure cooperation to resolve issues with Country Thunder. Apker feels that the probationary period has been successfully completed even with the citations issued. Many of the offenses were in the parking and campground areas that Country Thunder had no control over. This resolution would go through July of next year and would encompass next year's Country Thunder. Clark asked about the expiration dates for cabaret licenses. Apker explained that all cabaret licenses expire the end of July every year.

3) Recognize Country Thunder/Hedgepeth Revenues to Support the Overtime Budget

Motion by: Clark **Seconded by:** Haas **Approved:** unanimously

Nancy Otis presented the resolution to accept revenues and adjust the Overtime Budget for revenue received from Country Thunder and Hedgepeth.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 p.m. on motion by Haas, seconded by Clark.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree