

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
July 8, 2009
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: William Michel II, James Huff, Ronald Johnson, Roger Johnson

Others Present: Neelpreet Kaur, Judge Barbara Kluka, Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, Capt. Larry Apker, Lt. Paul Falduto, Gina Sulaj, Cynthia Winburn, Satinder Kaur

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

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: Supr. Michel reported that he spoke with Mary Beier from Juvenile Intake. Racine Juvenile Detention Contract negotiations are to begin soon. He will bring population/financial documentation to the next meeting.

Minutes Read: June 10, 2009

Motion by: Roger Johnson **Seconded by:** Huff **Approved:** unanimously

Item #8 on the Agenda “Discussion Regarding Jury Duty and Court Update” moved to this time:

Motion by: Huff **Seconded by:** Ronald Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

Judge Kluka appeared on behalf of all judges. She reported that each year Kenosha is compared with other counties. Kenosha compares very well with the yield of jurors compared to the number of questionnaires sent out. Of the 7,600 letters sent about one half (4,000) were qualified, available and reported in 2008. There was a total of 188 days of trial. These numbers do not include the Lopez or Jensen trials. Kenosha rates well with the number of jurors and cost of trials. They attribute this to a streamlined process with concerted efforts by judges and staff to move cases along.

Judge Kluka also reported that there is a committee regarding Video Conferencing led by Judge Bastianelli. Mental Commitment cases are being given priority. For these cases the expenses are great and the person is in great mental distress. Next priority will be given to Juvenile Hearings that are also in Racine. After these, the next step will be adult criminal cases. Mendota & Winnebago are video ready.

Finally, Judge Kluka wanted to say thank you on behalf of all judges because on 8/1/09 the 8th branch of court will begin. She wanted to acknowledge Supervisors Michel, Singer, and Molinaro that came to meetings and were part of the discussions.

Resolutions from the Kenosha Co. Sheriff’s Department:

1) Probationary Cabaret License – Grizzly’s

Motion by: Huff **Seconded by:** Roger Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

Capt. Apker presented the resolution for a new application. There were no serious call for service in 2008 or 2009. Cindy Winburn from Grizzly’s attended the meeting and reported that they planned to have Jazz or Blues bands. Supr. Michel asked if this was their first tavern. Winburn responded that they leased out the business for three years and just took it back. Michel asked if they had any problems before. Winburn replied no.

2) Probationary Cabaret License – El Fracazo’s

Motion by: Huff **Seconded by:** Roger Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

Capt. Apker explained that the Committee denied the license application in August 2008 due to serious calls for service. There has not been a serious call since then. The Sheriff’s Dept. did not

recommend a decision either way, however, all requirements have been met. There are extraordinary items on this resolution requiring cameras and a nine month probationary period instead of the usual six months. The resolution also specifically states that the license will be withdrawn if problems arise. These items are usually not on resolutions. Michel asked if the establishment has been in business the whole time since August 2008. Apker replied yes. Apker said that Gina Sulaj was present at the meeting and she states that the clientele has changed. They have refused service to clients. The Class B liquor license was not lost at all. Roger Johnson asked if the video cameras are running. Sulaj replied yes, 24/7 operation. Huff asked if there have been any resolutions with the neighbors and what type of entertainment she would have. Sulaj responded that they can not control neighbors and they do cause some damage. They plan to have DJ's. Apker added that since the time the license was denied, special event licenses were also not issued. Huff asked who would determine if incidents are serious. Apker said that this would be left up to the Committee. He also said that Sulaj should specifically be told not to omit calling police so problems are not known. Michel stated that management must be upfront, honest, and work with the Committee and Sheriff's Dept. The Committee must act in the best interest of the community. They do not want to take the license; they do want management to work with them.

3) Cabaret License – Sit 'N Bull

Motion by: Roger Johnson **Seconded by:** Huff **Approved:** unanimously
Capt. Apker reported no calls for service during the probationary period. He recommended approval of conversion from probationary to regular license.

4) FY09 Round 2 Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Motion by: Ronald Johnson **Seconded by:** Roger Johnson **Approved:** unanimously
Lt. Falduto presented the resolution to accept \$25,334.00. This is a split award with the City of Kenosha. Funds will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment that was not budgeted such as desks, chairs, and electronic flares. Huff asked how the money is split. Falduto replied usually 60/40. The money gets awarded to the City and then an agreement is made. If there is no agreement there is no money. The money usually goes to the largest force, which is the City.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: Because Capt. Apker was at this meeting, Michel asked if he had any additional information about Country Thunder. Apker replied not much, they are expecting smaller crowds this year due to no free tickets. 25,000 is the max for a day and they will not sell more. This management's philosophy is caps so they know what they will get. Because each ticket will be paid for, they will know exact numbers. If any of a few changes made affect traffic, they will be told to change it back. These are professionals running this festival so they are giving them some leadway.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:35 p.m. on motion by Roger Johnson, seconded by Ronald Johnson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree