

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
August 11, 2010
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: William Michel II, Bob Haas, Ronald Johnson, David Singer, Ronald Frederick, Emily Kenney (YIG), Alice Wei (YIG)

Others Present: Capt. Larry Apker, Ben Schliesman

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

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: None

Minutes Read: July 14, 2010

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

Resolutions from the Division of Emergency Management:

1 & 2) Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Fred Ekornaas to Serve as a Member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee and Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Jim Huff to Serve as a Member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee:

Motion by: Singer **Seconded by:** Johnson **Approved:** unanimously

These two resolutions were presented and voted on together. Ben Schliesman distributed a handout providing the history that led to the creation of Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC). They were created in the mid 80's after some major chemical plant accidents. All counties have a LEPC; some are regional. LEPC's were created to help local communities protect public health and safety and the environment from chemical hazards. Emergency Management writes plans for 60 businesses. If wind conditions were right, evacuations could be necessary for up to a 10-mile radius. LEPC membership must include elected state & local officials; police, fire & public health professionals; facility representatives; and representatives from community groups and the media. Supr. Frederick asked if the public had to be from specific "walks of life" and how often the committee meets. Schliesman replied not for this committee and that although they are only required to meet yearly, they meet quarterly. Michel asked if the Board would be complete with these appointments. Schliesman replied that it would be once they get Public Health on board.

Supr. Singer asked about the "hazardous fly ash" on Highway 50 and if this should be reported to the State. Schliesman replied that he would have to check into this. Frederick asked what the Committee's responsibility was. Schliesman said they are advisory to Emergency Management.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

1) Cabaret License – T & L Pub

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

Capt. Apker presented the resolution for conversion from a probationary license to a regular license. He reported that T & L has been in compliance for the past six months.

2) Cabaret License – El Fracazo’s

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

Capt. Apker explained that there has not been activity at El Fracazo’s that would warrant anything but a conversion to a regular license; however, there is an ongoing investigation that involves the business. Because of this he recommends extending the probationary. There have been two search warrants by local and federal authorities for the apartments above the business. Supr. Haas asked if the arrest for warrant and possession of cocaine was inside or outside the tavern. Apker replied inside. Michel commented that there has to be probable cause to execute a search warrant. Apker responded yes, there was for suspected drug activity. He added that nothing has been found thus far. Haas asked if this tavern is a problem and if they are compliant and accommodating with things such as video cameras. Apker replied that the business was a problem at one time, however, they have made many changes and security increases. He also explained that this resolution allows for entertainment. Entertainment is not the culprit, the people are. Frederick asked if there is any problem with the liquor license. Apker replied no.

After Action Report for Country Thunder:

Apker reported that from a law enforcement perspective, the festival was another success. 209 citations were issued for underage drinking. This is lower than the past few years. This could be the result of some very wet weather but is also an indication that the message is getting out that underage drinking will not be tolerated at Country Thunder. Another 14 citations were issued for other minor violations (trespassing; disorderly conduct; obstructing/resisting). No serious crimes were reported again this year. Only three people were arrested on State Charges. Attendance for the four day event was estimated at over 100,000. People were better behaved this year, even on the last day. If people offend early in the festival they lose their wrist band and miss out on the festival.

Michel commented that this festival is more for adults with the late nights. Singer asked if curfew is enforced at the festival. Apker responded that this never came to mind. Young children are with their parents but 16 or 17 year olds could be charged. This is a good point that may have to be looked at next year.

Frederick commented that people are happy that the Sheriff’s Dept. is there providing good security. They feel safe.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 p.m. on motion by Johnson, seconded by Frederick.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree