

MINUTES
Iowa County – Justice Committee
March 4, 2008

- 1. The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. and was called to order by Chairman Bill Ehr.**

- 2. Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Bill Ehr, Bob Regan, Bob Bunker, Phil Mrozinski, Mark Masters and Ron Benish. Excused/absent: Larry Steffes, Jack Jinkins, and LaVerne Clifton.

Also present: Sups. Tom Mueller and Ron Berg, Sheriff Steve Michek, Judge William Dyke, Chief Deputy Jon Pepper, Paula Dail and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.

- 3. Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Ron Benish to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**

- 5. Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Bob Regan to approve the agenda for this March 4, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**

- 6. Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Bob Bunker to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.**

- 7. Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members:**
 - A. Sup. Benish informed Committee of road construction in Highland on Highway 80 that will seriously disrupt Highland businesses. Randy Terronez to follow up with Highway Department.**
 - B. Sup. Bob Regan stated that the Health Committee proposal to ban smoking on county-owned property will be coming to the next Board meeting.**
 - C. Sup. Bill Ehr noted he is working on a proposal to assess a 10 cent/drink surcharge to fund alcohol treatment programs. Sup. Tom Mueller commented on need to address the alcohol abuse problem.**
 - D. Judge Dyke informed Committee of new prisoner re-entry programming that provides job skills.**

- 8. Old Business: None**

- 9. New Business**

Clerk of Courts
Sheboygan County Collections Study

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Mark Masters to concur with the Sheboygan County position on Clerk of Court Collections and forward a resolution of support to the full Board. Motion carried.

Circuit Court

Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) Position paper on Public Defender Program Eligibility

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Randy Terronez distributed summary of Iowa County indigent defense costs prepared by Finance Director Roxie Hamilton. Judge Dyke presented additional background and noted he is favor of WCA position.

Motion by Sup. Bob Bunker, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to concur with the Wisconsin Counties Association regarding the need for the state to update the income eligibility criteria for state public defender services and forward a letter of support to the full Board, Motion carried.

Emergency Government

National Weather Service Official Coop Observer

Agenda enclosure reviewed and no action is necessary. Ken Palzkill has sent letters to area communities requesting participation. Committee requested to report back on progress.

Governor's Snow Disaster Declaration February 5-7

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Iowa County did not have a sufficient amount of precipitation to qualify and may have been related to not sufficient official weather coop observers.

Sheriff's Department

Review of Inmate 2007 Report

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Sheriff Steve Michek distributed updated table with January 2008 bookings and noted that there have been no out-county housing of Iowa County inmates in the past three months.

Sheriff Michek also informed Committee of AB 216 that would allow inmates on a work program could have time taken off their sentence.

Animal Control Ordinance Changes

Sheriff Steve Michek reviewed background of need to update the ordinance and distributed 1st draft. He requested that Committee members review and bring back comments to the next meeting.

Committee members commented on specific sections of draft and need to make it applicable to a more rural county. Additional discussion given on need to increase penalties for animal abandonment, spay-neuter, etc.

Employment-Department Update including Sergeant Vacancy

Sheriff Steve Michek informed the Committee that three finalists were interviewed and Deputy Eric Hartwig was selected. He previously had been assigned to the drug task force. The Sheriff will now be

making the drug task force assignment with this position scheduled to be rotated every 3 years or so. The drug task force is a multi-county effort consisting of Iowa, Grant and Richland counties.

Building Project Update

A walk-through of the remodeled area was performed about two weeks ago and Administrative staff is in the process of moving. Discussion given on ordered desks being damaged.

9. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., at the Sheriff's Department Lower Level Conference Room.

10. Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Bob Regan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator

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