

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa County – Justice Committee**  
**April 1, 2008**

1. **The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, April 1, 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, Jack Jinkins, Bob Regan, Bob Bunker, Phil Mrozinski, Larry Steffes, Mark Masters and Ron Benish. Excused/absent: LaVerne Clifton.**  
  
**Also present: Sup. Ron Berg, Sheriff Steve Michek, Chief Deputy Jon Pepper, Ken Palzkill, Cheri Philmore and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.**
3. **Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Larry Steffes 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 April 2, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Motion by Sup. Bob Bunker, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2008 meeting as presented. Motion carried.**
7. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
8. **Old Business: None**
9. **New Business**

**Circuit Court**

**AIM (Assess, Inform and Maintain) Program Assessment Update**

Randy Terronez briefly updated the Committee that Judge Dyke is requesting to establish a case assessment function that would work with the pending alcohol treatment court project. Judge Dyke is working with Bud Trader on getting the appropriate paperwork in place to have a current employee perform case assessments, working approximately 20 hours/week. Additional information will be forthcoming at a future Committee meeting.

**Teen Court**

**Department Name Change**

Committee members reviewed agenda enclosure from Marcia Richgels. Judge Dyke is requesting input into changing the name of Teen Court to reflect the additional programs under Marcia's area of

responsibility. After some discussion, it was suggested that Judge Dyke be present to review this item in greater detail. Some members suggested keeping the Teen Court name in the new title.

**Motion by Sup. Phil Mrozinski, second by Sup. Larry Steffes to invite Judge Dyke to a future Committee meeting to discuss the name change issue. Motion carried.**

### **Emergency Government**

#### **Fire Officers Association Resolution on Uniform Fees**

Ken Palzkill reviewed agenda enclosure. In the event, an incident qualifies for FEMA reimbursement; the uniform fee structure would be recognized by the federal agency. All Iowa County Fire Departments support the resolution and neatly all charge for the various services.

**Motion by Sup. Ron Benish, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to concur with Fire Officers Association Resolution on Uniform Fees and forward to the full Board. Motion carried.**

#### **Tornado Spotter Training and National Weather Service Official Coop Observer**

Ken updated Committee on recent tornado spotter training which was well attended. In regard to the local weather recording stations, Ken mailed requests to all local units of government for volunteers for the Official Weather Observer role and received one (Barneveld Village) response. The requirements call for a volunteer to report daily precipitation via internet to the national Weather Service.

### **Sheriff's Department**

#### **Memorandum of Understanding for Housing Dept. of Corrections Extended Supervision Offenders**

Sheriff Steve Michek reviewed agenda enclosure. The contact would cover Iowa County residents who are on probation. Information only and no action is necessary.

#### **Animal Control Ordinance Changes**

Sheriff Steve Michek and Chief Deputy Jon Pepper introduced Humane Society Executive Director Cheri Philmore and distributed summary of proposed changes. A page by page review of the draft was conducted and various modifications were made. The remaining portion needing review is the fee schedule.

#### **Sheriff's Dept. Report**

Sheriff Steve Michek and Chief Deputy Jon Pepper informed the Committee that.

1. The current inmate count is very low – approximately 19 empty beds. The jail has a total of 43 beds but is rated by the State for a capacity of 37 beds. Since November, 2007, the County hasn't needed to place Iowa County inmates in out of county jails since November, 2007.
2. A Milwaukee fugitive was apprehended this afternoon behind the Dodgeville Quick Trip. The SWAT tactical team was activated for this incident.
3. Eric Hartwig, the recently promoted sergeant started today. He will be covering the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift.
4. The Department has a deputy vacancy and has two internal candidates that will be scheduled for interviews.

**Building Project Update**

The project is near completion. The investigations staff are scheduled to move by the end of this week. Committee members were encouraged to tour the areas.

**Committee Chairman's Comments**

Chair Bill Ehr informed the Committee that he has been the Committee Chair for the last 12 years and enjoyed working with the various departments under the Committee's jurisdiction. This meeting will be his last meeting chairing the Committee. He will not be seeking appointment to the Committee and is anxious to be involved on other aspects of the County.

**10. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., at the Sheriff's Department Lower Level Conference Room. (Deadline for agenda items/enclosures – April 28)**

**11. Motion by Sup. Larry Steffes, second by Sup. Ron Benish to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.**

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator