

MINUTES
Iowa County – Justice Committee
August 5, 2008

1. **The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Mark Masters for Sup. Joe Thomas who arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Gerald Dorscheid, Dwayne Hiltbrand, Greg Parman, Joe Thomas, Bob Bunker, Mark Masters, Larry Steffes and Carol Anderson.
Excused/absent: Sup. Phil Mrozinski.

Also present: Sheriff Steve Michek, Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Palzkill Humane Society Humane Officer Cheri Philmore and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. **Motion by Sup. Larry Steffes, second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Bob Bunker, second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to approve the agenda for this August 5, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, second by Sup. Carol Anderson to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2008 meeting. Motion carried.**
7. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
8. **Old Business: None**
9. **New Business**

Circuit Court

Update on OWI Treatment Court

Randy Terronez briefly updated the Committee on meetings with Attic representative Kathy Johnson and Law Intern. A proposal may be presenting to the next Committee meeting.

Emergency Government

Flood Update

Ken Palzkill updated the Committee on flood-related activities. A total of 17 communities have submitted requests for public assistance.

FEMA All Hazards Mitigation Program Proposal and Funding Request from Pulaski Township and Village of Avoca

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Several years ago after a flooding incident – both the Village and the County investigated the development of a mitigation plan study but the costs were a barrier.

A mitigation plan approved by FEMA would allow for potential funding to solve long – term flooding issues. A study would have to be completed within 1 year of the federal declaration. A study can be undertaken at the local level and/or at the county level. Preliminary time estimates for a county-wide study are greater than one year. A local unit study could be completed within a one – year timeframe.

The engineer for the Village of Avoca has been very helpful in providing assistance to the Village. A written request from the Village and Pulaski Township was expected for today’s Committee meeting to assist in funding a portion of the local share of the mitigation plan study. The County has met with Pulaski Town and Avoca Village officials to discuss the possibilities and additional information will be forthcoming.

Community Development Block Grant Emergency Assistance Program Application

Agenda enclosure reviewed. The grant program consists of two components: public utility (funds public infrastructure) and home repair. Individual local units have to apply for the public utility component and Scott Godley is making communities aware of this program. For the home repair component, SW CAP administered a similar program for Green County last year. Wynn Henderson of SW CAP is working with the County to prepare the application.

EOC FEMA Grant Application

Randy Terronez informed the Committee that the deadline had unfortunately expired to submit the application.

Sheriff’s Department

Flood Response Activities

Sheriff Steve Michek reported on department activities including processing the invoices from other law enforcement agencies that were called in to assist local authorities.

Boscobel Psychiatric Closure Update

Unified Community Services has developed a detailed policy and procedure for using the most appropriate facility. For the most part, patients that would have gone to Boscobel are being taken to the Lacrosse facility.

It is hoped that a long term solution may involve the Cuba City based firm providing service.

Update on April 25 Lightning Damage to Department Operations

Sheriff Steve Michek reported that work continues on the grounding phase. In regard to repairing the 20 year old inmate cell door system, the County's vendor - Sergeants has supplied a proposal for approximately \$71,000 that would replace the aging system with the current model. To re-install the old type system would cost about the same. The vendor's proposal is being reviewed by the County's insurance carrier.

Inmate Phone System Bids

Agenda enclosure reviewed. A typo regarding the recommendation was noted – it should be Option 1 of the ICSA proposal.

Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, second by Sup. Carol Anderson to concur with the Sheriff's recommendation for the inmate phone system contract to ICS Solutions Option 1, for a five year period. Motion carried.

2008 State Annual Jail Inspection Report

Agenda enclosure reviewed. The Committee commended the Sheriff and staff for a job well done given the facility drawbacks. Sup. Carol Anderson commented on need for life skills services and Sheriff noted the space limitations and lack of resources.

Sheriff's Dept. Report including Employment Update

Sheriff Steve Michek reported on the following activities:

- 1.No staff turnover.
- 2.Tonight is the National Night Out event and is being coordinated by Deputy Mike Peterson.
- 3.Submitted the 2009 budget request to Randy Terronez/Roxie Hamilton.
- 4.Met with Rick Strike of the local state parole and probation office regarding possible parole transition services and contracts with Attic Correctional Services.
- 5.Discussed legislation that would exempt 17 year olds from the adult criminal justice system and treat them as juveniles. The Badger State Sheriff's Association is still studying the issue.

Animal Control Ordinance Update

An updated document was distributed. Humane Society representative Cheri Philmore reviewed highlights and Committee made changes. The Committee agreed to present the final draft to the next Towns Association meeting and then bring back to next Committee meeting for forwarding to the full Board.

Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, second by Sup. Carol Anderson to approve the proposed Animal Control Ordinance update as revised and forward to the local units of government for review, present to the Towns Association and return to the Committee so it can be forwarded to the full Board. Motion carried.

Other

Strategic Planning - August 22-23

A headcount of attendees was taken. Sup. Carol Anderson will be unable to attend. Sup. Bob Bunker will not be available for Saturday. A questionnaire will be given to Board members who are unable to attend for inclusion in the sessions.

2009 Budget Overview and Scheduling Budget Review Sessions

Randy Terronez gave a brief update. The Committee agreed to hold a special Committee meeting for 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 26.

- 11. A special Committee meeting for the 2009 budget review was set for 6:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 26. The next (regular) meeting date was set for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 6:15 p.m., at the Sheriff's Department Lower Level Conference Room. (Deadline for agenda items/enclosures – August 25)**
- 12. Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, second by Sup. Larry Steffes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator