

**MINUTES**  
**Iowa County – Justice Committee**  
**May 5, 2009**

1. **The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Phil Mrozinski with Sup. Joe Thomas assuming the Chair shortly thereafter.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**  
**Committee members present: Sups. Joe Thomas, Gerald Dorscheid, Bob Bunker, Mark Masters, Phil Mrozinski, Greg Parman and Carol Anderson. Excused/absent: Larry Steffes and Dwayne Hiltbrand.**  
  
**Also present: Sup. Ron Benish, Sheriff Steve Michek, Child Support Director Deb Rosenthal, District Attorney Larry Nelson, Humane Society Officer Cheri Philmore and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.**
3. **Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, second by Carol Anderson to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to approve the agenda for this May 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson, second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
7. **Old Business: None**
8. **New Business**

**Child Support**  
**2008 Annual Report**

Deb Rosenthal reviewed highlights of agenda enclosure noting her office received the Certificate of Excellence Award from the state and was one of only 8 counties to receive the award. The office returned a surplus back to the county with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$48,631.22. Iowa County had the highest percentage of collections in the state for 2008. Due to the economic conditions it will be difficult to meet this in 2009. The layoffs at the Madison based Subzero company will impact collections.

Deb noted that her office has been selected by the IRS for an on-site audit.

The Committee congratulated Deb on her and her staff's efforts.

Motion by Sup. Greg Parman second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to approve the 2008 Child Support Annual Report. Motion passed.

### Staffing Update

Deb stated that she will be attending a state meeting May 14-15. The state will be revealing activities that will impact office staffing – the possible establishment of a state call center. The result would significantly reduce the number of phone calls/visits to the County office and result in not needing the department assistant position. Counties that already have a call center are opposed to the state's proposal.

In the event the state does not implement a call center, Deb would like to have a part-time position (1/2 time or greater) but the union will not agree to a prorated health benefits. The office invests a lot of time and money in staff training and having a part-time person with no fringe benefits at 17hours/week, would be a revolving door problem.

Another option under consideration is partnering with the Social Services Department that would split a full time position - mornings in Social Services and afternoons in Child Support. Additional information will be given at the next Committee meeting.

### **OWI Intensive Supervision Program**

#### Program Update

The program has accepted its 1<sup>st</sup> client.

### **Emergency Management**

#### Update on Recruitment

Interviews are scheduled for Monday, May 18 starting at approximately 9:00 a.m. and going through the rest of the day. The interview panel will include Sheriff Steve Michek, June Meudt, a representative from the local fire departments. Randy requested a couple of members from the Committee and Sups. Phil Mrozinski and Gerald Dorscheid volunteered.

Sup. Joe Thomas indicated that he would represent the local fire departments and that if there was a conflict - the Cobb Fire Chief Jim Riemanapp would serve.

### **Sheriff's Department**

#### Sheriff's Dept. Report including Employment Update

Sheriff Steve Michek gave the following report:

1. RCC the radio communications consultant will be having a kick-off meeting this Thursday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m.

2. Gave a recap of the Wetzel court proceeding. He complimented department staff for their professionalism. The responses from courthouse staff were complimentary. Sup. Carol Anderson raised concern on the need for a security plan for the Social Services Department.

#### Part-Time Detective Proposal

Agenda enclosure reviewed. District Attorney Larry Nelson was present. Discussion given on the current wage rate and the need to increase the wage rate.

Larry Nelson reviewed the types of cases the part-time detective has been working on and that the wage rate should be adjusted. Sheriff Steve Michek noted that the wage rate is the same for the part time positions – detective, patrol and corrections/dispatch. The entry level full-time patrol officer wage rate is approximately \$15/hour.

Randy Terronez suggested that any change for a wage increase be postponed until the 2010 budget process as it could impact the other part-time positions.

Sup. Carol Anderson raised concern on financial impact and suggested capping the total dollars for 2009 at \$10,000.

Larry Nelson commented that the lower dollars and not increasing the wage rate will inhibit the effectiveness.

Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to:

1. Increase the Sheriff's Department part – time detective budget by \$10,000;
2. Maintain the current wage rate remains at \$12.03/hour;
3. Reviewed the usage quarterly;
4. Consider a budget adjustment at year-end;
5. Concur with the interdepartmental Memorandum of Understanding; and
6. Forward to the Administrative Services Committee.

Motion passed with 1 no (Sup. Bob Bunker).

#### Inmate Medical Care Provider

Sheriff Steve Michek informed the Committee that a 60 day extension was given to the current provider – HPL. The County has used this firm for several years and is satisfied with the service.

The department will be negotiating with the firm and forward a renewal agreement at a future meeting.

#### Vehicle Replacement Update

Sheriff Steve Michek noted that at the last month's Committee meeting, he reviewed the vehicle accident.

Due to the funding available from the insurance reimbursement and other sources, he was able to replace the damaged vehicle and has funds in combination with \$3,800 from the department's capital budget to purchase a cross-over vehicle. There would be no increase in the fleet and an older model

vehicle will be transitioned out of the fleet (possibly to auction). Additionally, Sheriff Steve Michek reminded the Committee that he has funds for replacing 3 patrol vehicles and will be ordering 2010 models.

Discussion given on the pending closeout of Crown-Victoria model in 2011.

#### Noise Ordinance Review

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Sup. Carol Anderson questioned item #6. Sheriff Steve Michek offered to obtain a Kenosha County law that deals with vehicle noise.

Brief discussion on need for public hearing.

Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid second by Sup. Bob Bunker to approve the final draft Noise Ordinance and forward to legal counsel for legal review. Motion passed.

#### Animal Control Ordinance Update

Agenda enclosure reviewed. Cheri Philmore was present to answer member's questions. Randy Terronez noted he had discussed the abatement section with June Meudt. The County Health Sanitarian uses abatement orders frequently to obtain compliance in various health sanitarian code issues. Cheri Philmore noted that abatement orders would prevent time-consuming investigations. Discussion given on the penalties section and whether the fine(s) should be part of the ordinance or separate.

Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson second by Sup. Greg Parman to approve the final draft Animal Control Ordinance and forward to legal counsel for legal review. Motion passed.

- 10. The next meeting date was set for Tuesday, June 3, 2009 at 6:15 p.m., at the Sheriff's Department Lower Level Conference Room.**
- 11. Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, second by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator