

MINUTES
Iowa County – Justice Committee
June 2, 2009

1. **The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Joe Thomas.**
2. **Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Joe Thomas, Gerald Dorscheid, Bob Bunker, Greg Parman, Carol Anderson, Larry Steffes and Dwayne Hiltbrand. Excused/absent: Phil Mrozinski and Mark Masters.

Also present: Sheriff Steve Michek, Chief Deputy Jon Pepper, Child Support Director Deb Rosenthal, Humane Society Officer Cheri Philmore and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. **Motion by Sup. Larry Steffes, second by Dwayne Hiltbrand to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**
4. **Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid, second by Sup. Larry Steffes to approve the agenda for this June 2, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
5. **Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson, second by Sup. Bob Bunker to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: Sup. Carol Anderson commented on the need for better weather warning for the western side of Iowa County. Grant County's weather notification comes out of the National Weather Service (NWS) – LaCrosse site. Iowa County is covered by the NWS-Sullivan site. Randy Terronez will check with Ken Palzkill on this issue and report back to a future Committee meeting.**
7. **Old Business: None**
8. **New Business**

Child Support

Department Staffing Update and Grant County Contract Proposal

Deb Rosenthal reviewed highlights of agenda enclosure. Towards the end of the year, the state may be adding duties to the office related to client health insurance. The office has a tentative allocation of \$7,000 that originates from Federal Stimulus funds and cannot be used to supplant existing funds. The office may be looking into imaging. The allocation can be carried over into next year if needed.

Motion by Sup. Dwayne Hiltbrand second by Sup. Carol Anderson to concur with Child Support Director's request to transfer the vacant Department Assistant position to the Contingency budget for use in the event workload increases and to authorize the contract services with Grant County to perform suspense activity work for \$300/month with a net annualized potential cost savings of \$13,086. Motion passed.

OWI Intensive Supervision Program

Program Update

Agenda enclosure reviewed and it was noted that 5 clients are in the pre-adjudicated phase of the program. Interviews were recently held for the replacement staff contracted through ATTIC Correctional Services. Participating in the interviews were Judge Dyke, Chief Deputy Jon Pepper and Randy Terronez.

Emergency Management

Update on Recruitment

References have been checked and negotiations are underway with the finalist.

Proposed Resolution Recognizing Ken Palzkill

Agenda enclosure reviewed.

Motion by Sup. Larry Steffes second by Sup. Dwayne Hiltbrand to approve the Resolution honoring Ken Palzkill for his many years of service and forward to the full Board. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Department

Sheriff's Dept. Report including Employment Update

Sheriff Steve Michek gave the following report:

1. RCC the radio communications consultant conducted the drive-through data collection activity for the police and fire frequencies. The drive-through for the Highway low band will be undertaken soon. A list of radio equipment of emergency responder agencies has been compiled for the study.
2. Keith Hurlbert has submitted a Homeland Security grant application for mobile radio equipment replacement including the Highway Department needs.
3. Legislation passed or pending before the state includes:
 - a. 911 Phone surcharge – the funding that was going to pay for 9-1-1 dispatch center infrastructure costs has been diverted by the Governor to fix the state's budget problems.
 - b. Inmate phone legislation would require the local jails to charge the same as the state department of Corrections inmate phone rates. This would lower county revenue.
4. Working on developing a uniform policy on smoke breaks now that the County's No Smoking Ordinance is in effect.

Budget Overages

Item was requested at last month's Administrative Services Committee and Sheriff Steve Michek reviewed enclosure. It was noted that nearly all the items have been previously brought to the

Committee's attention. Undersheriff Jon Pepper distributed five year history of the department's budgets and reviewed highlights.

Inmate Medical Care Provider

Sheriff Steve Michek noted that a meeting was held with HPL, the current county vendor which also provides inmate health care for several other jails in the state. Information has not been received from HPL on a new contract. The County has been concerned with the amount of mental health services. A 60 day extension expires June 30 and a request will be made for another extension in order to allow the Committee to review the proposed renewal agreement.

Noise Ordinance

Corporation Counsel has signed off on the final draft and is ready for public input. Discussion was given on whether a public hearing should be at the Committee level or the full Board. It was preferred to have at the Committee level.

Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid second by Sup. Carol Anderson to authorize the Committee Chairman to set the public hearing for July and approve the public hearing publication notice. Motion passed.

Animal Control Ordinance

Corporation Counsel has signed off on the final draft and is ready for public input. Discussion was given on whether a public hearing should be at the Committee level or the full Board. It was preferred to have at the Committee level. Discussion given on the effective date and the target date will be September 1, 2009.

Discussion given on the Richland County animal issue.

Motion by Sup. Gerald Dorscheid second by Sup. Carol Anderson to authorize the Committee Chairman to set the public hearing for July and approve the public hearing publication notice. Motion passed.

10. **The next regular meeting date was set for Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 6:15 p.m., at the Sheriff's Department Lower Level Conference Room. A special Justice Committee meeting will be scheduled sometime in July to conduct the public hearings for the Animal Control Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance.**
11. **Motion by Sup. Dwayne Hiltbrand, second by Sup. Larry Steffes to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator