

MINUTES
Iowa County – Justice Committee
August 4, 2009
(Minutes subject to review and approval)

1. **The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, August 4, 2009 at 6:15 p.m. and was called to order by Sup. Phil Mrozinski. Chair Sup. Joe Thomas arrived and chaired the remainder of the meeting**

2. **Roll call was taken.**
Committee members present: Sups. Carol Anderson, Bob Bunker, Dwayne Hiltbrand, Mark Masters, Philip Mrozinski, Greg Parman, Larry Steffes, and Joe Thomas (arriving late). Excused/absent: Sup. Gerald Dorscheid.

Also present: Sheriff Steve Michek, Social Services Darin Smith, Judge William D. Dyke, Attic Agency Director Donna Zander, Unified Community Services Representative Neal Blackbourn, Humane Society Officer Cheri Philmore and Iowa County Residents: Jerry Yager, Alex Yager, Greg Welch, and Brandon Bomkamp.

3. **Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, second by Dwayne Hiltbrand to approve the certification of the meeting. Motion carried.**

4. **Motion by Sup. Bob Bunker, second by Sup. Dwayne Hiltbrand to approve the agenda for this August 4, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**

5. **Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson, second by Sup. Greg Parman to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**

6. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members:**

The four Iowa County Residents present asked for clarification of the process regarding the Noise Ordinance. Sup. Phil Mrozinski explained that following the public hearing held July 13, 2009, the Justice Committee would be reviewing all comments and making adjustments to the Ordinance. Following the adjustments, another public hearing will be held. The four residents plan to attend the public hearing.

7. **Old Business: None**

8. **New Business**

Court System

Court Interpreter Pilot Program

Judge Dyke commented on the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Court Interpreter Pilot Program that extends from September 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010. This program is designed to improve the quality of court interpretation, make better use of certified interpreters, reduce costs associated with interpreter travel, determine whether state administration of interpreter assignments is feasible, and provide actual cost data for state-managed certified interpreting services.

Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson seconded by Sup. Mark Masters to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding for participate in the 7th JAD Court Interpreter Pilot Program. Motion Carried.

OWI Intensive Supervision Program

Program Update & Assessments with Unified Counseling

Unified Counseling Agency Director Neal Blackburn highlighted the information included in the July 15, 2009 letter stating “Our agency can no longer afford to provide these assessments on a sliding fee scale. Therefore, effective immediately, any client requesting an assessment ordered by the court must prepay the \$220.00 assessment fee.” A question was raised “How many assessments are done?” and that information will be shared at a later date. Social Services Director Darin Smith was part of the discussion and indicated that at some point the county will pay for the assessment. The importance of juveniles having this assessment was discussed. Darin Smith shared that a proposal is being prepared to obtain Stimulus Funds for a three year period for youth 14-25 years of age.

Sheriff's Department

Grant Award

An Office of Justice Assistance grant, in the amount of \$25,520 (including the local match), has been received related to Homeland Security/MABAS/MARC Repeater and needs to be spent by February 28, 2010.

Radio Communications Study Update

RCC Consultants, Inc. provided a draft report dated July 27, 2009 and the Executive Summary that includes recommendations was shared with committee members. The draft has been reviewed with local fire and EMS officials as well as others. Discussion followed and the committee looks forward to seeing the final report.

Follow-up on Animal Control Ordinance, Fee Schedule Resolution & Public Hearing

Humane Society Officer Cheri Philmore discussed the proposed changes made in the ordinance following the public hearing and e-mail messages received. General discussion focused on additions/modifications to be included and these will be incorporated into the draft for review during the September 1, 2009 meeting. It is hoped that there will be an agreement so another public hearing can be scheduled.

Follow-up on Noise Ordinance, Fee Schedule Resolution & Public Hearing

Committee members commented that the public hearing raised some issues that need further consideration. It was agreed that work on this ordinance would occur during the September 1, 2009 meeting.

Bicycling Events

With the number of bicycle events increasing, there appears to be a need for a written policy. Currently, Iowa County does not have a written policy. Initial investigation has taken place to determine what other counties have in place and how they respond to bicycle events.

- 10. The next meeting is schedule for 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, September 1, 2009, at the Sheriff's Department Lower Level Conference Room.**
- 11. Motion by Sup. Greg Parman, seconded by Sup. Dwayne Hiltbrand, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes by Sup. Carol Anderson
Transcribed by Bridget Schuchart, Administrative Secretary