

MINUTES
Iowa County – Justice Committee
February 3, 2009

1. **The Justice Committee met in the Lower Level Meeting Room of the Sheriff's Department in the City of Dodgeville on Tuesday, February 3, 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, Larry Steffes, Bob Bunker, Mark Masters, Dwayne Hiltbrand, Phil Mrozinski and Carol Anderson.
Excused/absent: Greg Parman.

Also present: Sheriff Steve Michek, Chief Deputy Jon Pepper, Clerk of Court Carolyn Olson, District Attorney Larry Nelson, George Lawvyer and Rebecca Gilbertson (Aramark), Court Ordered Programs Director Marcia Richgels and Randy Terronez, County Administrator.
3. **Motion by Sup. Larry Steffes, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski 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 February 3, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
6. **Motion by Sup. Carol Anderson, second by Sup. Phil Mrozinski to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting. Motion carried.**
7. **Open session – Comments from audience /Committee members: None.**
8. **Old Business: None**
9. **New Business**

Clerk of Court

Closed Session

Motion made by Sup. Phil Mrozinski seconded by Sup. Larry Steffes to go into Executive Session at 6:17 p.m. pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1) (c) consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, and performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and Executive Session pursuant to (1) (e) conducting public business with competitive or bargaining implications. (Personnel Issue)

8 Yes (Sups. Joe Thomas, Gerald Dorscheid, Larry Steffes Bob Bunker, Mark Masters, Dwayne Hiltbrand, Phil Mrozinski and Carol Anderson. Excused/absent: Greg Parman.) 0 No. Motion carried.

The following individuals were also included in the closed session: Carolyn Olson, Steve Michek, Jon Pepper, Larry Nelson and Randy Terronez.

Return to Open Session

Motion made by Sup. Bob Bunker seconded by Sup. Larry Steffes to return to Open Session at 6:59 p.m. 8 Yes (Sups., Joe Thomas, Gerald Dorscheid, Larry Steffes Bob Bunker, Mark Masters, Dwayne Hiltbrand, Phil Mrozinski and Carol Anderson. Excused/absent: Greg Parman.) 0 No. Motion carried.

Court Ordered Programs

2008 Annual Report

Marcia Richgels was present and reviewed agenda enclosures.

Marcia noted the decrease in the Teen Court caseload and completion rate is due to the cases carried over in 2009.

In regard to the Underage Alcohol Education program, the Barneveld Municipal Court is now making referrals. The budget cuts to the Madison based PICADA organization has affected the number of cases handled by the program. She noted that the class fee for an Iowa County based site is \$100 while an offender from Illinois that needs to take a class in Chicago area has to pay \$600. Of 127 offenders, only 3 re-offended in large part due to the need to re-instate their driver's license.

In regard to the Community Services Program, she expressed thanks to the District Attorney's Office, Jennifer Ramsden who is responsible for Deferred Prosecution.

She will provide additional data on Iowa County vs. non Iowa County cases and cases by school district. Committee members thanked her for the presentation.

Circuit Court

OWI Intensive Supervision Program

As a result of the State DOT funding the program, staff have been working with the contracted agency – ATTIC Correctional Services on start up activities.

Criminal Justice Collaboration Council

As part of the DOT grant application, the County agrees to establish a Justice Council that will provide guidance to the OWI ISP Project and agenda enclosures were reviewed. The Committee on Committees has selected Sups. Carol Anderson and Bill Ehr to be on the Justice Council. Additional follow-up is needed on the citizen representatives.

Sheriff's Department

Jail Inmate Meals Update

Aramark representatives (County's contracted inmate meal provider) George Lawvyyer and Rebecca Gilbertson were present and reviewed status of inmate meals. Issues such as milk freshness and an alleged moldy donut (determined it was not mold) have been discussed and satisfactorily resolved with Sheriff's Department staff. A form has been developed to more clearly track the food concerns, etc.

Noise Ordinance Review

Committee members requested additional time to review document.

Animal Control Ordinance Update

The ordinance was discussed at last week's Towns Association meeting and an updated version will be forwarded to the March Committee meeting.

Sup. Dorscheid noted discrepancy in Section 375.01 (Definitions). The definition for Hobby Breeders (#21) covers dogs/cats up to 12. The definition for Pet Dealers (#31) covers dogs/cats 25 or more. There is a gap for dogs/cats from 13-24. Item to be clarified in final draft.

Sheriff's Dept. Report including Employment Update

Sheriff Steve Michek gave the following report:

1. A union grievance meeting may need to be scheduled. The Chapter 59 Grievance Committee consists of Sups. Dwayne Hiltbrand, Bob Bunker, Peter Berg, Bill Ehr and Mark Masters and was established per state statute to be the hearing body for such matters.
2. Distributed the 2008 Inmate booking data. To date, Huber (Work Release) inmate count is only 2 and has capacity for 14. The low count will mean less revenue. Reasons for the low work release count include deferred prosecution, impact of the inmate classification system, and lower number of sentenced offenders.
3. Distributed the timeline for the Radio Communications Study request for proposal and requested Committee member participation.
4. The Department of Corrections has established a Dodgeville site for prisoner re-entry housing which will be operated by ATTIC Correctional Services.
5. Reviewed participation in state work group on increased penalties for OWI offenses. Proposed legislation would cover establishing a voluntary sobriety check point program, and ignition lock requirements.
6. Attended Chicago Olympic Bicycle Race press conference in Madison.
7. Per discussion with Neil Blackburn, Unified Community Services, the arrangement with the La Crosse based psychiatric facility (that replaced the closed Boscobel unit) will be ending. This may mean higher costs if the mentally ill need to go to Mendota or some other state institution.
8. The Marathon County jury selection process and hospitality of Iowa County staff was praised by Marathon County officials

Other

Committee Restructuring Survey Feedback

No discussion given.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes by Randy Terronez, County Administrator

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