

Manitowoc County Public Safety Committee
Manitowoc County Public Health Building, Room 205

June 8, 2016 5:00 p.m.

Attendance: Chairperson Rick Henrickson, Supervisor James Falkowski, Supervisor Jack Nasep and Supervisor Dave Nickels.

Excused: Supervisor Randy Vogel

Others in attendance: Patricia Koppa, Sheriff Robert Hermann

Chairperson Rick Henrickson called the meeting to order at 05:00 p.m. Roll call circulated.

Minutes: Chairperson Henrickson noted the notice included the wrong date as the date of the last meeting. The last meeting was March 9, 2016 and those minutes need to be corrected and approved.

Ms. Koppa noted two corrections.

1. Nancy Crowley indicated the correct name for the 2017 exercise is the "Ingestion Exercise"
2. Supervisor Vogel had asked that the details regarding housing of Manitowoc County Inmates be added as the second to last sentence of the Sheriff's report.. Specifically: " Jail capacity is 199; current population is right around 200 and there have been even higher counts. Ten female inmates are currently being housed out of county. The rate is \$50 per day per inmate.

Chairperson Henrickson asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016 committee meeting as correcte. Motion was made by Supervisor Dave Nickels seconded by Supervisor James Falkowski and voted upon unanimously to approve.

Public Comment: Chairperson Rick Henrickson called three times for public comment. Seeing none, public comment was closed at 5:01 p.m.

Chairperson Hendrickson nominated Supervisor Randy Vogel to serve as Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Supervisor Falkowski. Upon vote, all approved.

Chairperson Hendrickson then nominated Supervisor Nickels to serve as Secretary. Seconded by Supervisor Falkowski. Upon vote, all approved.

Department Report:

Sheriff Hermann presented a report:

The overall budget is right on target for this time of year. This is despite some unexpected expenses. Overtime remains a concern as there continues to be staffing shortages. Another expense is the continuing cost of housing female inmates out of the county. Supervisors questioned the Sheriff about various options. Current daily fee is about \$49. Between six and eleven women are placed in Winnebago County. Space is an issue in other counties as well as populations are rising. Cost of staffing additional cells in the former juvenile section would be approximately \$500,000 annually so it is not reasonable as a short term solution. The State is not currently sending out inmates. So increasing space with the idea of "renting out" is not justified at this time. Sheriff explained about current State prisoners. Also discussed the electronic monitoring program and some comparison to the Huber eligibility. Extensive issue with mental health needs, addictions and even the smuggling of drugs into the jail has been an ongoing challenge. New scanning equipment may be requested in a future budget if the need remains high.

Sheriff noted that he had previously reported that positions were about to be filled. However new openings arose just as that was achieved. There are two openings in the jail as well as the new nurse position. Additionally a retirement means there is another patrol position open.

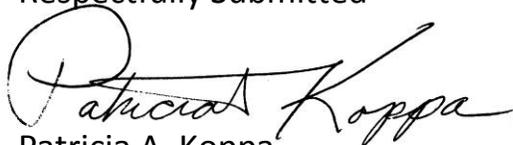
Final item is the new garage. This is a three bay facility. In part it holds items that were in the garage adjacent to the old Health Department building including lawn maintenance equipment used by the trustees. The third bay serves as a drive through space for the Swat trailer. Later this year, the Bearcat will be acquired. It is not expected be in the garage.

Announcements: Chairperson Hendrickson noted that the next meeting will be July 13 at 5:00 p.m. unless there is nothing for the agenda. Committee will only meet if there is something to discuss.

At 5:18, the committee adjourned discussion and walked to the jail facility for a tour. Sheriff Hermann conducted the tour, which officially began at 5:26 in the jail entrance. The Committee heard and saw all aspects of jail operation. Among the great deal of information that was shared were comments upon each of the following: Canteen deposit, Visiting room and discussion of the possibility for video conference visits in the future to eliminate inmate movement, booking area, receiving cells, video conference area and discussion of current blood draw procedure, sally port, specialty cells, fingerprinting and mugshot room with discussion on identification, uniform room and restraint equipment, isolation cell and need for safety measures at all times, Central Control room and the monitoring station, third floor medium block, third floor max block, second floor Huber/minimum unit and discussion of classification system, discussions of gender identification issues and the challenges with sight/sound isolation of the male/female populations, education room, laundry, kitchen and the lower level morgue, exercise room and shooting range.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Supervisor Falkowski and seconded by Supervisor Jack Nasep. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Patricia A. Koppa

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