

Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee
September 5, 2017 at 9:00 am
County Board Room

Present: Donna Williamson, Gary Kabasa, Norm Courture
Excused: Jerry Teague
Absent: Ken Wheeler
Others: Jeff Beirl, Lori Schmidt, Pete Russo, Jim Hnath, Mick Brennan, Terry Schemeneaur, Martin Vitek, Kathy Schutte

Donna Williamson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and roll call was taken. Motion by Norm Couture to approve the August 8, 2017 meeting minutes as presented with a second by Pete Russo. Motion carried.

Martin Vitek and Kathy Schutte were present today to present a petition with 53 signatures regarding the music festivals held this summer. The petition is requesting the Sheriff to issue citations to the sponsors of these events for violation of the Ashland County Noise Ordinance. Mick Brennan stated that he had only 8 complaints over the 4 day period, and of these complaints 2 were from Martin Vitek and 2 from Kathy Schutte. Discussion followed. Mick Brennan stated that as he stated at the last Large Assembly meeting, people with complaints need to call Dispatch and not other Supervisors or the County Board Chair, as he cannot justify calls that he has not received. Mick Brennan stated that he will take the petition to the District Attorney to see what he would like to do if anything about the petition. Donna Williamson stated that the event holders do not play by the rules and wants to know what Jackson County did to get them to leave their county.

Terry Schemeneaur proceeded with the CJC report. Terry stated that they received the Otto grant and the TAD grant notice just came out so they will have to re-apply for this. Discussion followed. Terry stated that there are approximately 30 people in adult drug court at the present time.

Mick Brennan handed out the Sheriff's report for review. At this time there are 59 inmates, 17 on monitor and 12 boarded out. The warranty is out on the transport van, two (2) Correctional Officers were assaulted by a female inmate with one of them seeking medical attention. Dispatch currently has 1 person out on maternity leave and that the Communications Director is filling in that vacancy. Mick stated that they are still having radio issues being work on. He will be sending two (2) deputies to crime scene investigating school and that the training is paid for by DOJ. The five (5) lawsuits are still pending and are scheduled for Court in July 2018. Burglaries have increased in Glidden, Butternut, Odanah and on Birch Hill. Discussion followed.

Jim Hnath was present today to review the 2018 proposed budget for the Sheriff's department. Jim stated that the increase in the Sheriff's dept. is mainly due to them asking for another full-time Investigator. Regarding the Jail – they are working with Bayfield County regarding housing our female prisoners at all times. Drug & Crime Prevention increased to have money on hand for undercover buys. Jeff Beirl reviewed the overall very preliminary numbers for the entire 2018 budget. Discussion.

Motion by Pete Russo, second by Gary Kabasa to approve the Sheriff's report as well as the preliminary 2018 Law Enforcement budget. Motion carried.

Regarding the Noise Ordinance. The Large Assembly Committee at their last meeting recommended to change Section 9(a) from 80 d. to 70d. and to forward this change to the Public Property & Law Enforcement Committee.

Motion by Pete Russo, second by Gary Kabasa to approve the change in the Ordinance. Motion carried.

Motion by Pete Russo, second by Gary Kabasa to forward the revised Noise Ordinance on to the full County Board. Motion carried.

Vouchers were reviewed at this time. Motion by Gary Kabasa, second by Pete Russo to approve vouchers for payment. Motion carried.

The next meeting was scheduled for October 3, 2017 at 9:00 am in the County Board Room.

Motion to adjourn by Pete Russo with a second by Norm Couture. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Lori Schmidt
Administrative Assistant