## DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING April 5, 2013

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller James Layman Ernest Borchardt Darrell Pollesch Aaron David

Also Present: James Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman; John Storck, Brian Pfitzinger, and Steven Bauer, Circuit Court Judges; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Bernadette Mueller, Child Support Director; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Blaine Lauersdorf, Chief Deputy, Dodge County Sheriff's Dept.; Joseph Sciascia, Judge Elect, Branch 3; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff's Dept.; Lynn Steger, Register in Probate.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Layman to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by David. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Layman to approve Minutes of March 1, 2013; second by David. Motion carried.

Communications: None.

Committee Member Reports: MaryAnn Miller states that she attended the Dodge County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee meeting but will let Judge Bauer explain.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: a) Judge Pfitzinger brings a Resolution to the Committee for approval of an \$80,000 Grant for Alcohol Court. Judge Pfitzinger explains that this Grant is given to working alcohol courts and will give them the ability to hire two coordinators. These are limited time employees and their employment will only last for the life of the Grant. It is likely, however, that the Grant could continue for up to three years if they comply with the Grant terms. They will be using the funds not only for employees, but for supplies and equipment, such as a working printer/scanner/copy machine. Borchardt congratulates the Judge on the Grant and moves to approve the Resolution; second by Pollesch. Jim Mielke comments on the budget issues concerning this Grant. They are looking to start in May and, therefore, will not utilize the full \$80,000. The County has to front the money and then will be reimbursed. Miller questions

if travel and training will be included. Judge Pfitzinger notes that there is a three-day conference very soon in Appleton that he and the coordinators will be going to. There is some money in the current alcohol court fund to cover this. There is discussion about the limited term employees. Judge states that they will apply for the Grant again in November, and if approved, the individuals will still be limited term employees. Motion to approve the Resolution for the Grant for Alcohol Court carried.

- b) Judge Storck advises that commencing April 1, 2013, Small Claims Summons and Complaints may be served by mail; previously personal service was required and expensive.
- c) Judge Storck welcomes Judge Elect Joseph Sciascia. He explains the transitional process. Judge Elect Sciascia will be sworn in on August 1st; he will need to do a mentorship and attend the Judicial Conference. He will be on the Bench by the end of August. Judge Storck advises that the cost of a new robe will be covered by the County. Sciascia comments, stating he is looking forward to working with everyone.
- d) Judge Storck explains the e.filing seminar he is going to offer. He has been encouraging attorneys to use e.filing and has invited attorneys and their staff to the seminar which is being held on April 16th from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. At this time there are 45 individuals attending. Judge indicates that CCAP has approached the DA's office to head a pilot project for criminal e.filing that will start in June.
- e) Judge Storck notes his concerns regarding the State Budget for the Courts. He states that he talked to the Executive Committee recently regarding the cut in the last biennium and the proposed cut of approximately \$17 million this biennium. The Courts will be unable to cover this second cut. There will potentially be furloughs for court reporters and staff and a 10% cut to aides. Judge states that although the State Budget has not yet been finalized, he is concerned.
- f) Judge Storck informs that the Security Meeting scheduled for 9:00 a.m. this morning will be delayed because he will be swearing in Pat Ninmann as the new Dodge County Sheriff. Pat Ninmann comments on Governor Walker's appointment of her as Sheriff.
- g) Judge Bauer reports on the Opioid Abuse Program. He indicates that at the last Dodge County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee meeting Kurt Klomberg was invited to speak. Judge Bauer informs that Klomberg is at the forefront of fighting Heroin. He explains how Opioid abuse is the cause of the brazenness of the crimes being committed. Something needs to be done so they are organizing an Opioid Task Force to address prevention and community education, which is critical. The first meeting of the core group will be held on April 26, 2013.

Child Support Report: Bernie Mueller advises that with the State Budget cuts the Child Support office will be receiving approximately \$50,000 less.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron advises that she has hired a new employee who has had 10 years of experience working in a different clerk of courts office.

**District Attorney Report:** Bob Barrington informs that the State will once again be cutting the Victim Witness program.

Kurt Klomberg updates the Committee on the Heroin problems. He states that Heroin is the #1 priority of the DA's office. He has met with every Town Board, Village Board and City Council in Dodge County and has been trying to raise awareness since 2008. Heroin issues grew rapidly in 2009 and 2010; there is an increase in violent crimes; a spike in burglaries, robberies, bank robberies, etc. which can be directly related to Heroin use. Heroin is less expensive then opioids. Since 2008 they have charged 34 Heroin dealers; there have been over 100 transactions with dealers, which is labor intensive, involves safety issues, thousands of hours and tens of thousands of dollars. Heroin is sold every day. Klomberg gives the statistics regarding the cases charged and the final outcome. He states it is significant that of 26 people recommended for prison, 13 were sentenced to prison. He states that options need to be explored to combat the demand side of this problem; the addict population needs to be reduced. Judge Bauer comments on the human costs incurred due to Heroin use. This is a major threat to the community.

Medical Examiner Report: P.J. Schoebel distributes his quarterly report noting that the caseload is up. Autopsies related to drug use remain the same; cremations are about the same; non-inmate autopsies related to drug deaths are up. Regarding personnel, Schoebel states that two people in his department have been out sick during April. He does want to recognize Jeff Gilbertson and Joe Stommel who have been doing an extraordinary job. They are not yet fully staffed, but are working on it.

**Sheriff's Department Report:** a) Sgt. Dale Schmidt gives a presentation on the Explorer Program. Miller comments that she attended the award ceremony for the Explorers and was very impressed.

- b) Blaine Lauersdorf updates the Committee on the mobile data computers. The officers have them in their squads. They met with Ruth Otto from IT because the 6 year old computers need to be updated. They do have a funding source. The cost would be approximately \$113,000 next year.
- c) Lauersdorf informs that the inmate population has not improved; there is little change. Although the money coming in is less, expenses are also less than projected. The driving factors are the Sequestration, pending Legislation regarding immigration reform, immigration inmates are down, and the general population is down. Lauersdorf states that the IGA agreement is due in November and they have contracted with an individual to handle the negotiations with the Feds; they are hoping to get a possible guarantee of inmates. He notes that transport is still on budget.
- d) Pat Ninmann reports on the New World software. She states they are working on configuration. The software can be configured to Dodge County's needs and it has worked very well so far. Ninmann is planning a meeting with the Dodge County Police Chiefs at the end of April. Miller comments on Mayville's software not being compatible. Ninmann confirms that Mayville and Lomira's programs are not compatible with Dodge County's program.

Blaine Lauersdorf has extended his retirement date to April 12, 2013, so that he is able to help with the Sheriff's transition. He thanks the Committee.

Next Meeting: Friday, May 3, 2013, at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

**Adjournment:** Motion by David to adjourn meeting; second by Borchardt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary

Lynn M. Steger, Recording Secretary