DODGE COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING February 7, 2014

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:04 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller Aaron David Darrell Pollesch Ernest Borchardt (James Layman was excused)

Also Present: James Mielke, County Administrator; Brian A. Pfitzinger, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Dodge County Child Support Agency; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Pat Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by David to approve Minutes of January 3, 2014 as amended; second by Borchardt. Motion carried.

Communications: Maryann Miller informed the committee about the next meeting of the Dodge County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee which will be on March 14 at 10:00 a.m. the presenters for this next meeting are Angela Hansen & Greyden Kuhn from the Department of Corrections. These are excellent presentations and she encouraged the committee members to attend.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Pfitzinger reported on the graduation of 14 people for alcohol court. The Sheriff was a speaker at the ceremony. The alcohol grant has been officially approved and those funds are hopefully expected to be available by the end of February.

A new bail program is being worked on. 3M is providing 10 monitoring units which are not part of the TAD program. This will be working with the DA's office to get the offenders into the system sooner and get them on a monitoring device. This program is at no cost to the County.

The Judge explained to the Committee the current process of appointing attorneys in criminal actions in Dodge County. Currently, attorneys are only appointed in criminal actions. There is a fine line between helping pro se litigants and not giving legal advice. Atty. Gene Kirschbaum has been holding hours at the courthouse two times a month to help pro se divorce people.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn Hron was welcomed back by the committee. She reported that some of the area municipalities are moving their citations to the Beaver Dam Municipal Court. Municipal Court tickets are cheaper than circuit court tickets because they have different costs. There will be a financial impact to the Clerk of Courts Office and Sheriff's Department. Last year there were 417 tickets for the municipalities that will be transferring. The loss to the Clerk's office is \$5 per ticket and to the Sheriff's Department of \$10 for the jail assessment.

She reported that everything that is entered onto the CCAP site stays there even if the charges are dropped. Municipal court citations are not entered on the State site.

The criminal efiling is going well with no major problems.

Child Support Report: Bernie Miller reported on her department's use of the State Call Center. They have been using this service going on 4 years, with 15,691 calls last year, or averaging 1300 calls per month.

With Child Support being down 2 staff members last year, they were very happy to have this benefit.

One of the positions has been filled by a former staff member, so no training was required.

District Attorney Report: Bob Barrington reported on the budget for the DA's office. They have made cuts every year since 2008, but it might be hard in the future to cut any more costs, and they are probably not going to be able to increase revenue. He feels their office is as effective as it can be.

The second week in March there will be an inservice for Law Enforcement on discovery issues and search and seizure issues. They hope for a good turnout from other agencies from the County and this training will be relevant for all agencies in the County. This will take place in the training room in the Sheriff's Department.

Kurt Klomberg has been invited to teach at a joint training on the heroin and opioid epidemic with Ryan Klavokoske from BDPD. The conference is the Wisconsin Association of Community Oriented Police (WACOP).

Bob reported that the opening for the job-share position was filled in the DA's office. The new staff person has experience working in California and efiling in the federal courts. She will be started on the 12th.

Medical Examiner Report: P.J. Schoebel reported that the autopsy numbers for January are up again. About half of the overtime that his office needs is due to the increase in autopsies. At some point he will be asking for some contingency funds because of this and this amount may be up to \$35,000.

PJ explained to the Committee some of the differences between a Medical Examiner and coroner in both training and licensing standards. There are currently proposals for changing some of these standards.

He has a new Deputy Medical Examiner who is working out great as she is experienced.

Sheriff Department Report: Regarding New World, updates are scheduled to correct issues with interface to mobile units. It is hoped that this new update clears up these problems. They have only been "live" with New World for less than 5 months. This was a huge undertaking. The problems encountered are being addressed and efficiency has been improving every day.

Divisions of the department will be doing job shadowing with each division spending 4 hours in the other divisions (patrol, communications, and corrections). This will help to develop relationships among the staff and for them to experience how each job affects other areas of the department.

The Sheriff showed the Committee the "Just Drive" thumb bands that she will be using for a new awareness program regarding driving while distracted. She will be asking for \$2,300 for this program. It was moved by Borchardt with a second by Pollesch to approve the Sheriff to use \$2,300 from the Crime Prevention Fund for this campaign. Motion carried.

There was a donation to the jail in the amount of \$250 from Fred & Tammy Haase.

TAD update – Notification came on the 4th from the Attorney General's Office that \$140,800 will be received. Dodge County received the 3rd highest grant. Jay Westhaus did a great job on writing this grant. The amount originally requested for this grant was \$175,000 and the cuts made were for part-time positions, over and the rest on some of the supplies.

K9 donations have been \$9,571.37 with expenses of \$7,012.74.

Mortality insurance for the Department's K-9s has been purchased in the amount of \$10,000. The \$600 premium will be included in future budgets.

Sheriff Ninmann reported that Julie Kolp from the Finance Department has been a great help with converting collections from the Triburon System to New World. It was time consuming reconciling the old system with the new with some claims being very old, actually going back to 1996. A motion was made by Borchardt with a second by David to clear the account with the New World program. Motion carried. This however, would not mean the old accounts were not going to be pursued for collection.

Regarding the 2013 budget, preliminary figures show the Department will be short approximately \$711,000. This is amount is due to the contract beds being budgeted at 275 when in reality it was closer to 230. If the contract beds had maintained the original rate, \$690,000 would have been returned to the County. Actual expenses were under budget. The current budget accounts for the lower number of contract beds.

Regarding staffing, a new deputy starts on Monday, with a background check being done in hopes of starting another. In the corrections division, background checks are being done and they are close to having budgeted positions filled.

The Department is planning to implement a Reserve Deputy group with the dual certified officers that currently work in the jail. They group would be utilized to work the fair and to allow for 2 person squads during OWI enforcement to allow back up to be in the vehicle instead of having to wait for a second squad to arrive on scene.

Twenty batteries were to be purchased for \$1,584.

A county-wide Open House is going to be held on May 17. Tours will be held so that people can ask questions and people can see where we work. A press release will go out sometime in April. There will be shuttle services to move people between different areas.

There will be a Town Hall meeting at the Dodgeland High School on March 13 at 7:00 regarding the opioid problem in Dodge County. A press release will go out soon on that.

An ice rescue training was held at the Sheriff's Office. This training included other law enforcement and fire departments and was well received.

Other business:

None

Next Meeting: Friday, March 7, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Adjourned on motion of the chairman at 9:10 a.m.

Disclaimer: The above minutes m ay be approved, amended or corrected at the next

committee meeting.

Aaron David, Secretary

Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary