

MINUTES OF MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
September 5th, 2018
KCAB 2ND FLOOR COUNTY BOARD COMMITTEE ROOM

Members Present: Monica Yuhas, David Celebre, Zach Rodriguez, YIG Mackey Vandixhorn,
Others Present: Chief Deputy Marc Levin, Capt. Robert Hallisy, Capt. Ken Weyker, Lt. Horace Staples, Lt. Steve Beranis
Meeting Called to Order: 6:32 p.m. by 2nd Vice Chairman David Celebre
Citizen Comments: 6:33: None
Supervisor Comments: 6:34: Supr. Rodriguez introduced himself to the committee.
Chairman Comments: 6:35: None

Approval of the Minutes from August 1st, 2018:

Motion by: Yuhas **Seconded by:** Rodriguez **Approved:** unanimously

Memo from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department:

2018 Country Thunder Re-Cap

6:36: Capt. Weyker went over highlights of the Country Thunder Re-Cap Memo. He advised that arrest totals were down from the previous year and that typically more citations are issued. He stated attendance was down and 800 fewer campsites were used this year. This was the best-behaved group that has been in attendance and no complaints have been received. Twenty-six hundred-man hours were used with help from KPD and Walworth County. There were no serious crimes committed other than a Deputy being punched. A woman was struck by lightning while talking on her cell phone. KSD knew that the storm was coming but it is up to Country Thunder to close venue. Supr. Rodriguez stated that per the Sheriff, the women might lose her leg. Traffic wise, Lance drive was closed the entire weekend and this worked out well. Money was kept below the cap; a check will be going back to Country Thunder for about \$22,000. Everything went up in expenses but we were still below the bond cap. Supr. Yuhas requested that next year we have a copy of this year's numbers, so that they can be compared. Supr. Celebre asked about the expenses being higher when attendance was lower. Weyker stated that the manpower remained increased to handle the anticipated numbers. He believed that the attendance did reach expected numbers, but they did not stay overnight. Rodriguez asked if it was only KSD at the campgrounds. Weyker stated KPD helped at night as well. Rodriguez then asked how many deputies were there per night, Weyker advised approximately 25 to 30 between noon and the early morning hours. Rodriguez asked about equipment usage. Weyker advised there was a little issue with mud.

Resolutions from the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department

- 1) FY18 Equipment Grant Award-Homeland Security-Wisconsin Emergency Management/HS ALERT EOD Bomb Suit

Motion by: Yuhas **Seconded by:** Rodriguez **Approved:** unanimously

6:45 Lt. Beranis stated the resolution was to accept \$33,000 in grant money, from Homeland Security, to purchase a new bomb suit. Beranis stated we needed new bomb suits due to the current ones being expired. Celebre asked what did he mean by "expired", Beranis stated that they were old. They have a life span and the ones currently in use have exceeded that period. Celebre asked how long they last. Beranis stated the life span was 10 years. This grant is for one suit, which Beranis advised he had a quote for \$32,599.00. Rodriguez asked if the excess funds would be returned to Homeland Security and Beranis

advised that they would be. Yuhas asked if a grant was received each year, Beranis advised that the last suit bought with a grant was in 2006 and prior to that 2003. Yuhas asked how many suits are needed and Beranis said that a minimum of two are needed to maintain certification. Celebre inquired as to how many suits were currently in inventory, per Beranis there are 3 bomb suits and 2 CERT suits. Rodriguez inquired as to the difference between the suits, Beranis responded that the CERT suits are lighter with less protection. Rodriguez asked if we planned to keep the current suits. Beranis stated that we would keep the EOD 9 suit until we were able to purchase another EOD 10.

2) 2018-19 Wisconsin Emergency Management/Mobile Field Forces-Equipment Grant

Motion by: Rodriguez **Seconded by:** Yuhas **Approved:** unanimously

6:50 Lt. Staples advised that the equipment grant is for the Mobile Field Forces. Mobile Field Forces is a program the State developed with 13 regional grant packages. This is for larger agencies that have the manpower to dedicate 13 members to the Mobile Field Forces Unit. This unit is basically for crowd control, civil disturbances, and riots. The Unit would come out with riot shields, batons, pepper gas and a few other things. The amount of the grant was a \$10,000 limit and we would spend right up to the \$10,000 mark. Staples advised that this grant is an 80/20 match, so we would have to put forth \$2,000. Per Staples, we did receive the award letter and the equipment will be purchased upon the approval of the County Board.

3) 2018-19 Wisconsin Emergency Management/Mobile Field Forces- Training Grant

Motion by: Rodriguez **Seconded by:** Yuhas **Approved:** unanimously

6:54 Lt. Staples advised that the training grant is used to train the members of the crowd control unit. The Sheriff's Department has actually put together a brand-new unit that is made up of county agencies. We have Pleasant Prairie PD and UW Parkside PD officers that will come in and join members of KSD, to form the crowd control team. The training grant awarded \$1,760.00 and this is fully funded. The grant will provide training for instructional development or training the new members. In order to give other smaller agencies in the county an opportunity to get the training and use the equipment, the Sheriff's department formed the county wide team. Celebre asked if the under the resolution we would move forward with training of multi units. Staples advised it would be the current KSD team with members from the other agencies added to the county wide team. Celebre asked how many times this team has been called upon. Weyker advised that the team was used for the Trump visit to Foxconn, but most of it is on standby just in case unruly crowds start to gather. They were also used for the Paul Ryan visit to Racine. Rodriguez asked when the team was created, Weyker advised it's been about a year. Rodriguez asked if KPD had team members and Staples advised that KPD had their own unit. Celebre asked how much training the grant would cover, Staples advised 13 members would be trained. Two officers from PPPD, two from TLPD and two from UWP will be added to the unit. Sgt. Ray Merlin will be the Commander and he can provide the training.

4) FY18 Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award

Motion by: Yuhas **Seconded by:** Rodriguez **Approved:** unanimously

7:00 Capt. Hallisy advised this resolution is for a \$12,710 grant through the US Department of Justice. We have received this grant for many years. The grant is offered to the City of Kenosha and we receive 40% of the grant, the total amount to the city is \$31,775.00. This will be used to purchase tasers. Yuhas asked how many tasers will be purchased and how long do they last. Hallisy advised that we will purchase 12 tasers, each having a 5-7 year life span depending on the model. Hallisy stated that the Sheriff plans to have all Patrol Deputies equipped with a taser in the future. Celebre asked what type of inventory will KSD have once all tasers are purchased. Hallisy stated we currently have about 52 tasers and would like to have between 85-90 tasers total.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: 7:04: None.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:05 on motion by Yuhas; seconded by Rodriguez.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Hicks