

**GOVERNMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
February 4, 2014**

PUBLIC WORKS CONFERENCE ROOM
IVES GROVE OFFICE COMPLEX
14200 WASHINGTON AVENUE
STURTEVANT, WISCONSIN 53177

The meeting of the Government Services Committee was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ron Molnar.

The meeting was attended by Supervisors Clark, Dawson, Wisch and Hall. Also attending were Supervisors Gleason, Zenner-Richards, Chief of Staff Lorna George, Judge Jude, Sgt. Weidner and Capt. Lamke.

Excused: Supervisor Johnson

Absent: Supervisor Snow

#1 – Public Comments

There were no public comments.

#2a – Approval of Minutes from 01-07-2014, 01-14-2014 and 01-28-2014

Action: To approve minutes from the January 7, 2014, January 14, 2014 and January 28, 2014 meetings as printed.

Motion passed. Moved: Supervisor Hall. Seconded: Supervisor Clark. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#3a - Communication regarding WCA 2014 District Meeting Dates and Locations

Action: To Receive and file

Motion passed. Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Hall. Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#4ai - Discussion with Racine County Sheriff Schmalig – Racine County Jail

Sheriff Schmalig could not attend tonight's meeting due to a previous engagement. Sgt. Weidner and Capt. Lamke attended the meeting on his behalf. Sgt. Weidner said he was still finalizing the numbers from last year and cited statistics about the average daily populations, admissions and length of stay. Currently the length of stay at the jail has increased compared to last year. Supervisor Hall asked about statistics on re-offenders. There was an incident at the jail which was still under review. Burglaries, sexual assaults and thefts in the county are down. Traffic crashes are up but fatalities are also down. Property damage is up. Evictions and auto thefts remain stable.

#4aii - Discussion with Racine County - Sheriff Patrol and Investigations

Capt. Lamke talked about staffing trends and the retirements in 2013. The department received 75,478 calls for service.

#4aiii - Discussion with Racine County - Sheriff Water Patrol

The DNR will not be stationing one of their boats at the marina for Water Patrol. There were 43 vessel inspections last year.

#4bi - Discussion with Racine County Circuit Court Judges on topics including but not limited to:

Circuit Courts/Criminal Justice/Alternatives to Incarcerations/Public Defender/Family Court Commissioner/Drug Courts / Treatment Courts/Court Room Security/Judges Meeting Report/Court Room Remodeling

Judge Jude thanked the committee on Phase 1 of the Courthouse security project. He encouraged the use of surveillance cameras for video conferencing from remote locations to reduce transportation costs. They are currently working on a pilot project now with audio. It is moving in the direction toward "virtual" courtrooms, but would require infrastructure upgrades for wiring, cameras, etc.

Racine County did not receive the latest round of TAD money, but are hopeful it may be possible with the next round. The veterans court is being used with increasing numbers. Chief of Staff George said she heard from people involved that we may get an award for that in the next sequence. Supervisor Hall asked about a conference on evidence – based practices and the impact to a community with recidivism. Judge Jude answered that is already taken under consideration as practice.

#4c - Discussion regarding placement of sexual offenders – Supervisor Mark Gleason

Supervisor Gleason, Mt. Pleasant Trustee John Hewitt and Capt. Brian Smith from MPPD attended the meeting. Mt. Pleasant recently passed an ordinance dealing with the placement of sexual offenders. Supervisor Gleason asked about the conceptual idea of having a county wide ordinance. Supervisor Clark asked about process of placing someone back into a community. Capt. Smith stated that the City of Racine had passed an ordinance with certain restrictions regarding schools, playgrounds, places of worship, etc. and they had duplicated that language.

Discussion was held regarding where offenders could be placed. The purpose of the discussion tonight was for awareness. The committee members agreed that since the Heads of Government group were reviewing the matter, it would not remain on the agenda.

#5a – Discussion with Racine County Sheriff Schmaling regarding item Itemized detailed list describing “various miscellaneous items” listed in the fiscal not in Exhibit “A” of Resolution 2013-120 for Courthouse Security.

The Sheriff's office provided the Government Services Committee with the additional information requested. Cabinet members were also cc'd on the information distributed via mail. Discussion was held regarding item #7 for the installation of the power supply. The committee was satisfied with the information provided.

Action: To forward resolution to the County Board for adoption at the February 11, 2014 County Board Meeting.
Motion passed. Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Dawson Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.

#6 Correspondence and miscellaneous

Supervisor Dawson asked about the mental health funding. The Chief of Staff explained that was an HSD area, so they would be aware of what we received. There has also been a change in the funding mechanism. Supervisor Hall referred to an article regarding legislation on P.I.L.O.T. charges.

#7 – Next meeting date

The Government Services Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be held on March 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the usual location in the Public Works conference room at the Ives Grove office complex.

#8 - Adjournment

Action: The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. **Motion Passed.** Moved: Supervisor Clark. Seconded: Supervisor Wisch.
Vote: All Ayes, No Nays.