

**FOREST COUNTY
SHERIFF AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: June 4th, 2018
Committee: Sheriff & Justice
Committee Members Present: Scott Shaffer, Judy Savard, George Stamper, Daniel Huettl, William Chaney
Sheriff: Sheriff Dennee
Chief Deputy: Alex Walrath
Other Appearances: Jill Zagar

MEETING MINUTES

1. 4:30 p.m. Shaffer called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call
3. Motion by Stamper to approve the agenda as read at the discretion of the chairman. Seconded by Chaney. Carried.
4. Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the May 2018 Sheriff & Justice Committee meeting. Seconded by Stamper. Carried.
5. Public comments. Jill Zagar asked Sheriff Dennee about Deputies in the school systems. Sheriff Dennee advised there is a full time liaison Officer in Crandon. In the Laona and Wabeno schools the on duty Deputies perform “walk throughs” or park in the parking lots and complete paperwork in their squads to be more proactive and present.

Jill stated there should be an Officer on every wing and on every floor of the schools. Jill stated we should find creative ways to reimburse the Officers. Sheriff Dennee advised there are no grants available to pay for Officer wages in the schools.

Jill asked Sherriff Dennee if the tribes could send their Doctors from their clinics to the jail to provide medical care for tribal members. Sheriff Dennee advised he did not think the tribes or any other medical facility would send their Doctors to the jail because of liability issues but stated he would ask.
6. Presentation by Chairman Tallier.
 - a. Resolution to obtain an Assistant District Attorney. Tallier advised S&J that Forest County needs an Assistant DA. Tallier stated the Wisconsin Counties Mutual Insurance Co. will lobby on behalf of Forest County and the cost to the Count will be very minimal. Tallier requested a resolution for an Assistant DA. Chaney made a motion to forward a resolution to the full County Board when it is completed. 2nd by Stamper. Carried.
 - b. Comments on vehicles taken by District Attorney on drug cases. Tallier asked about seized vehicle from drug cases. Sheriff Dennee advised there have been very few seizures lately because the drug dealers have changed tactics and now borrow cars from local people who are not aware of the illegal activities their vehicle is being used for. Vehicles that the owner is not aware of the activities it has been used for are not normally seized through the court system. Sheriff Dennee also stated that DA Simono is watching recent legislative changes reference seizures. Dennee stated the new laws could potentially hold District Attorneys liable if mistakes are made on the seizure process. Sheriff Dennee explained that any vehicle that are sold the majority of the money receives must be sent to the School fund in Madison.

- c. Release of sex offenders act 184. Tallier advised the committee that the State of WI has made it the responsibility of the counties to organize a committee to oversee the release of these offenders. Tallier asked for volunteers to form this committee.
- d. Future staffing of the Sheriff's Office. Tallier requests some possible staffing numbers and associated costs of splitting the jail from dispatch. Sheriff Dennee explained the current staffing levels and what the state requires. Sheriff Dennee also explained the possibility of remodeling the current lobby and visitation areas to accommodate a new dispatch center.

7. No school and meeting requests were submitted. None.

8. Motion by Stamper to approve vouchers from the month of May 2018 as submitted. Seconded by Savard. Carried.

9. Sokaogon Chippewa Representative. None

10. Any other business that may lawfully come before the committee.

Chaney asked about the canteen revenues and the revenue generated by the jail phones. Sheriff Dennee advised the profits are put into a revenue account that is used by the county. The money does not come back to the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Dennee advised there were recently two people arrested on Forest County warrants out of state. One in Texas and one in Arizona. Sheriff Dennee advised the cost to transport them back would be approx. \$5000.

Sheriff Dennee advised the Recreation Patrol reimbursement was submitted to the Wi DNR recently. The Reimbursement requested was \$68,000. Sheriff Dennee also stated the new Recreation Officer will be Deputy Chad Mullis.

11. Future agenda items. None.

12. Motion by Stamper to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Savard. Carried.