

	Approved Minutes Public Safety Committee Tuesday, October 2, 2018 – 5:30 pm Upper Level Conference Room 222 N. Iowa Street Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Iowa County Wisconsin
1	Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.	
2	Roll Call. Members present: Supervisors Forbes, Haag, Meek, Ray and Richter - Others Present: County Administrator Larry Bierke, Jail Administrator Pam Steffes, Corporation Counsel Matt Allen, Chief Deputy Austin Durst, Steven Deal, Mel Masters, Susan Hepler and Carolyn Smith	
6	Sup. Forbes moved to approve the agenda October 2, 2018 meeting. Sup. Haag seconded the motion. Carried. Aye-5 Nay-0	
7	Sup. Ray moved to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2018 meeting. Sup. Haag seconded the motion. Supervisor Deal is not a member of the committee, minutes will be changed to reflect. Carried. Aye-5 Nay-0	
8	Public Comments: Nancy Tews spoke to the Committee in encouraging the OWI/Attic program to continue with funding. There is substance abuse group meeting at the hospital and excitement is growing with that group to understand who is doing what in the community.	
9	Consider Referendum Question to Exceed Levy Limit: Brought up at the last meeting for additional patrol. Steffes noted that the Sheriff Department does not want to risk the new Facility in an effort to get staff on board. A new building will be the highest priority. Forbes moved, Haag seconded to table the referendum until May 1. Meek opposed. Carried 4-1.	
10	OWI-ISP 2019 Budget: Corporate Counsel Allen went over a series of handouts: budget, statistics... - Now a 12 week program covering 2nd thru 4th case offenders for OWI. Consists of weekly group and individual meetings as well as random breath sampling. Generally 65%-85% of 1st offense OWI do not reoffend. Statistical report goes over what OWI citations are heard by court in Iowa County. Between 3rd and 4th offence, the felony conviction really ramps up punishment and as a result the number of cases drops. 30% of criminal OWI offices are 4th and above. Now we are proposing to put resources toward 4th offense and above. Rather than a pretrial, would do a team approach in an effort to work together to address the individuals status in front of judge (monthly). Likely 10 participants at a time for 18 month program. Eliminate current program to a new formal OWI Court program. Unified Community Services would provide outpatient services through our Treatment Coordinator going fulltime. 1/2 time Drug Treatment Court, 1/2 OWI Treatment Court are proposed to be merged into one position as part of proposed budget. Less treatment services and more coordination. Allen noted that the program is optional and voluntary. We want people who want to be in the program. Participants get a lighter sentence for participating. - Haag asked what someone going through the program contributes. Allen noted it is \$150 per participant. Forbes compared this to the \$1,000 citation.	

- Question regarding current success rate. Last year the success rate was 90% without issues after 9 years. 26 people ended back into the system. This did not include 1st offense and focused on 2nd to 4th offense. 30% of Iowa County offenses are 4th offense and above. This program is not a mandatory program. Ch. 51 does require treatment services. Unified would be able to provide the services as required by law.
- Ms. Carolyn Smith spoke to the Committee, a defense attorney practicing in Dodgeville. She has many clients that utilize the attic program. Commenting on what she knows from professional contacts, testimonials from those who use the program, and lastly has questions about the program proposal being brought forward here tonight. Wants to be sure the committee understands the consequences of what is proposed here tonight.
- Smith noted that the program provides pretrial counseling services. What her clients do is contact the Attic program within a number of days of being directed to do so by the judge. The clients are then screened for acceptance. Then when the program is completed, the judge renders a reduced sentence to her clients. With a 90% success rate. The proposal today is to stop the successful program and to start the OWI Court, a new program. Smith fundamentally disagrees with what is being proposed here today...
- Smith noted that the new program will replace the successful program. Unified Counseling Services will be a contracted service that provides 4th and 5th offense offenders with a coordinator. Half of court clientele will now be addressed. Smith guesses that state money is available for 4th and 5th offenders for services on a local level and less state cost. In terms of crunching numbers, everyone asks about the bottom line. The savings of \$30,000, but creates a full time county employee with grant funds only available in 2019 with unknown funding beyond that. Saving \$30,000 a year, but hiring a \$50,000 administrator. Smith noted that if we create a new coordinator position, they will not be doing counseling, only an administrator. Current program Attic does both coordination and counseling. If you go forward and adopt this proposal and eliminate a program with a 90% success rate, the part time drug court program will morph into a full time position. Would the new position be open to new applicants? Smith wants the best qualified person for the position.
- Sup. Forbes asked Smith about "repercussions". She went over options as she understood them.
- Sup. Haag asked about the statistics presented and Susan Hepler answered that OWI participants can only take the course one time. Haag asked about insurance companies and Susan noted that they are not a payer for the service.
- Bierke and Allen pointed out that 90% success rate is not really accurate, as it assumes that all 90% would reoffend if not offered the program. Ray asked if there was a way to mix the former and the proposed program into one treatment program. Allen noted that you can't mix offenders, as they are impacted by the more severe offenders.
- Sup. Ray asked about workload for the County Jail? Allen noted that the kiosk would likely be housed at the Sheriff's Department. Sup. Ray asked if Sheriff's Department would like to comment, Pam Steffes notes they do not have an opinion.

Sup. Forbes moved to support the existing budget proposal. Sup. Richter seconded. Sup. Ray noted that he would like to see maintained coverage of the 2nd and 3rd offense. Sup. Haag agreed with Sup. Ray. Motion failed 2-3.

Sup. Meek noted that he doesn't like eliminating the existing treatment.

Sup. Haag moved to increase the budget to include an additional \$64,318 to continue the contract with

	Attic. Sup. Ray seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-3.
12	Sheriff's Department Update/Report: 1. Had a drive sober grant. With 194.5 deputy hours with 188 stops. 140 warnings, 5 OWI, 3 Drug and 1 warrant arrest. Effort will be used to apply for a grant in August of 2019. 2. Had two deputies go to Command College leadership training. We held our own with higher ranking officials at the training. 3. Deputy went to Death Investigation School. 4. Deputies completed DARE Schooling. Zach will be our second Dare officer. 5. Deputy DeWitt and Richer are returning to full-time activity. K9. 6. Next Generation 911 will go live on October 17th. Employment Openings in both the Jail and the Sheriff's Office. Last search had over 50 applications. Says people want to work for Iowa County. Offered a position to an employee for a deputy position. Plus advertising for the new position. Ray asked about Frontier and their issues. Steffes noted that the Department is still working on those issues, but they will be ready to go.
13	The next meeting date is October 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.
14	Sup. Haag moved to adjourn the meeting. Sup. Ray seconded the motion. Carried. Aye-5 Nay-0 Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.
Minutes by Amanda Gardner	