

THE JUNE 13, 2006 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Walworth County Board Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order by Chairperson Lohrmann at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted and all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Downing, Kilkenny, Morrison, Schaefer, Wagie-Troemel.

Special Order of Business

Presentation by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety (NUCPS) concerning a study of the Walworth County Sheriff's Department's Staffing Needs

Walworth County Sheriff David Graves began the presentation, stating that the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety was contracted to do assessment needs for the Walworth County Sheriff's Department. The cost of the study was \$19,000 and is based on 2004 statistics.

Sheriff Graves introduced Roy Lucke, Director of Research, Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. Mr. Lucke started the presentation by introducing the members of the team who were instrumental in conducting the study. He introduced William Gielow, Retired Deputy Chief, Milwaukee Police Department, William Stenzel, Director, Management Consulting, NUCPS, and Patrick Firman, Chief of Corrections, Lake County Illinois Sheriff Department.

Mr. Lucke discussed the services performed by the Northwestern University Center. He described the project activities starting with a kickoff meeting, identification of needs, collection and transmission of data, follow up telephone calls, as needed, data collection from peer agencies, presentation and review of draft findings, and production of final report. He said the report was distributed to the Supervisors prior to this evening's meeting.

Mr. Lucke said that assessments were conducted for five work areas of the Walworth County Sheriff's Department: Patrol, Investigations, Court Services, Communications and Corrections. He said that the team looked at each of these separately, using various methods, to determine staffing levels for each of these functions.

The study recommended a modern records department integrated with computer-aided dispatch and the following additional staff:

Patrol Division – 10
Investigations – 4

Court Services – No recommendation
Communications – 2
Corrections – 6

Mr. Lucke concluded the presentation by giving a summary. He said that the Walworth County Sheriff's Department is a well-regarded, professionally led, law enforcement organization. Mr. Lucke said that the project team received outstanding cooperation from the department in getting the information to process the study. He said that it is the agency's primary goal to provide the best service possible to the residents and visitors of the County. The project team for this study believes that the Walworth County Sheriff's Department makes every effort to fulfill its mission every day.

Chair Lohrmann thanked Mr. Lucke and his team.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Ketchpaw, seconded by Supervisor Kupsik, the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

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I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole for the June 13, 2006 meeting.