

**OCTOBER 11, 2011 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 Chair Russell at 5:03 p.m. at the Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

**Roll Call**

Roll Call was conducted and following Supervisors were present: Richard Brandl, Jerry A. Grant, Kathy Ingersoll, Vice-Chair Daniel G. Kilkenny, Carl Redenius, Joe Schaefer, Rick Stacey, Russ Wardle, David A. Weber, and Chair Nancy Russell. Absent: 1 - Randy Hawkins.

- **The purpose of the meeting is for a presentation by the Walworth County Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee (CJCC) concerning OWI Court.**

Administrator Bretl started the meeting with a history and overview of the OWI Court. He turned the presentation over to Judge David Reddy, whom since being elected as Circuit Court Judge has brought a great amount of energy to this topic. Judge Reddy presented a DVD on OWI Courts. The DVD gave an overview of OWI Court process, which offers structure and accountability. The core of the program is a behavior modification model. Participants are required to meet certain principles of the program and those that have the most success are those that are ready to change but don't know how. The goal of OWI Court is to stop impaired driving one defendant at a time.

Following the DVD, Judge Reddy introduced the following members of the OWI Court Taskforce: Chief Joel Christensen, City of Elkhorn Police Department; John Delaney, Acting Jail Administrator; Dr. David Thompson, Deputy Director of Health and Human Services; Phil Koss, District Attorney and Chair of Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee; Eric Nelson, Public Defender; Penny Vogt, Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections; Zeke Wiedenfeld, Assistant District Attorney; Carlo Nevicosi, Human Services Manager – Mental Health/AODA, Health and Human Services; and Barb Hanson, Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections.

Handouts were distributed to those present. Judge Reddy gave an overview of the process when a participant gets involved with the OWI Court such as setting a court date immediately after violation, initial court appearance, serving time in jail, electronic monitoring, regular drug and alcohol testing, and assessment and treatment. Participation in the program results in a reduction in sentence. Judge Reddy stated that funding is key for this program and this couldn't have been done without Probation and Parole.

Judge Reddy presented the best practices for Drug/DWI Court via a Power Point presentation. He stated it is not all about saving money, it is also about saving lives. He also stated it is an evidence based approach. He said they had the first two individuals plead today to enroll in the

program. Judge Robert Kennedy is currently on the bench for the OWI Court, which is held every other Tuesday.

Judge Reddy opened up the presentation for questions from Supervisors. Vice-Chair Kilkenny asked what the interplay of the CATE Program is. Judge Reddy stated that the CATE Program is a relapse prevention program where treatment has ranged from sending someone to an AA group or to work with multiple treatment providers. The treatment concept through the CATE Program runs parallel with the requirements of Probation and Parole. Dr. David Thompson stated that the CATE Program will continue to exist as it is known today. All treatment objectives will be available to individuals outside of OWI Court if they meet the qualifications. He also stated there are several different ways to get into the CATE Program and one way is through OWI Court. He said they are trying to remove barriers for treatment of individuals in Walworth County. Supervisor Weber thanked Judge Reddy for continuing with the vision of the Executive Committee. Judge Reddy thanked the board for their support. He said he fully expects to come back to the board in one year and say how successful the program has been and ask for the board's continued support.

**Adjournment**

On motion by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Brandl, the meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

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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 Supervisors for the October 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole Meeting.