

Courthouse Security and Facilities Minutes 7/6/16

The Courthouse Security and Facilities Committee met on Wednesday, July 6, 2016, in the Small Courtroom, Room 301 of the Richland County Courthouse at 181 W. Seminary St., Richland Center, WI.

The meeting was attended by Sue Kaderavek, Dominic Anderson, Avery Manning, David Turk, Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, Vic Vlasak, Kerry Severson, Jennifer Harper, Sue Triggs, Andrew Sharp, Debra Schwarze, and James Bindl.

1. Call to order

Judge Sharp called the meeting to order.

2. Proof of notification

It was noted that the meeting was properly posted.

3. Approval of minutes

Motion by Triggs, second by Bindl: Minutes from the last meeting were approved with no corrections, additions or deletions.

4. Reports of any recent threats or incidents

DA Harper discussed threats by J. Kovars. Sheriff Bindl said the Judge should direct officers where he wants them to sit and people should not be afraid to call for another officer. Judge Sharp said he does not mind officers interrupting proceedings to inform the Court of issues/concerns.

Dominic Anderson addressed the need for a camera in the small courtroom. Sheriff Bindl said he would check if the board in dispatch has enough availability. He said he thought Barb Scott was also looking into this.

5. Updates on plans for Courthouse renovations

Jeanetta Kirkpatrick talked about renovation funding. They said that the board is looking at \$200,000 in the 2017 budget. She said the property committee meets next week. Kirkpatrick said Judge Sharp and the Chief Judge have to sign off on the drawings. She said the Judge's approval is needed as he is in control.

6. Getting officers keys to the second floor of the courthouse

It was noted that there's an agenda item on next week's Property Committee agenda regarding this matter. Judge Sharp will be talking to Officer Clements about the specifics of officers having keys.

7. Results of surveys from other counties – to be continued to next meeting

Barb Scott said that Richland is the least prepared as expressed through the Clerk of Court through the Judge. This item will be taken up again at the next meeting.

8. Sheriff's concerns regarding prisoners and courtroom security

The Sheriff talked about paging everyone, noting that a test was run this morning. He stated the details of how the system would work. The page would come through all courthouse phones including those in the courtrooms. He stated that Deputy Frawley would be resuming manual testing of the duress alarms.

9. Recommendations for new business/issues at next meeting

- Camera in small courtroom
- Looking at renovation blueprints
- Key issue

10. Adjourn

Motion by Kirkpatrick, second by Schwarze to adjourn.

Next meeting date: October 12, 2016 at 3:30 p.m., Small Courtroom.

Minutes taken by Sue Kaderavek, composed by Stacy Kleist.