



GOODHUE COUNTY BUDGET COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Administration Conference Room
July 25, 2006
9:00 a.m.

Present: Ted Seifert, Richard Samuelson, Amy Gergen, Pat Thompson, and Andrea Benck.

C/Seifert called the meeting to order.

Out of State Travel Request. Pat Thompson requested that an Out of State Travel Request be added to the agenda so that it could be approved at the next county board meeting.

Mid-State Organized Crime Information Center (MOCIC) was developed in 1980 by a group of Midwestern law enforcement officers. It was established as part of the Regional Information Sharing Systems (RISS). The RISS Program consists of six regional centers (including MOCIC) and is federally funded through a grant to the Department of Justice. The RISS Program operates in all fifty states, Canada, England and Australia. MOCIC's service area includes Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin and the Canadian Province of Manitoba.

The mission of MOCIC is to assist member law enforcement agencies in identifying, targeting and arresting criminals and criminal groups whose illegal activities cross jurisdictional boundaries. The primary goal is to fulfill the need for the sharing of criminal intelligence on a national level. This is done by using a state-of-the-art intelligence sharing system that uses web technology.

Goodhue County Sheriff's Office has been a member of MOCIC since 1985. Currently, all members of the Goodhue County Sheriff's Office Investigation Division are electronically connected to the secure criminal intelligence network.

MOCIC also provides a number of services to its member agencies, some of which have been used by this office in previous investigations. These services consisted of analytical services, communication and surveillance equipment, confidential funds for covert operations. MOCIC also offers training opportunities which often include training that is P.O.S.T. approved.

Each year MOCIC holds an annual membership and training conference. The conference location is determined on a rotating schedule for each state in the MOCIC service region. The conference is held in Minnesota every ten years. The conference objective is to inform members on the status of the organization, discuss goals, share accomplishments and provide training. The training is taught by nationally recognized experts in the law enforcement.

The 26th Annual MOCIC Conference and Training Session will be held on August 22-24, 2006 at Wichita, Kansas. Captain Thompson is currently the sheriff's office representative member to MOCIC and Investigator Barringer is the alternate.

There are sufficient monies in the sheriff's office training budget to cover the cost of this training for both officers.

Staff recommendation was to approve the out of state travel for Captain Thompson and Investigator Barringer to attend The 26th Annual MOCIC Conference and Training Session, August 22-24, 2006 in Wichita, Kansas.

C/Seifert asked about the cost of the conference. Mr. Thompson stated that the cost of the seminar was approximately \$200. With all expenses it should cost approximately \$900 and there were sufficient funds in the training budget within the Sheriff's Department.

C/Samuels asked if this was an annual event. Mr. Thompson stated that it was; however, it has not worked with scheduling the past couple of years.

C/Samuels felt that it would be informational.

The committee agreed to recommend approval of the out of state travel request for Captain Thompson and Investigator Barringer to attend the 26th Annual MOCIC Conference and Training Session, August 22-24, 2006 in Wichita, Kansas.

Budget Adjustment- Elections. In May 2006, the County received an additional grant from the State of Minnesota to help offset the cost of the acquiring M100 Precinct Tabulators for the remaining polling places who did not have them. This grant, in the amount of \$37,386.56 was not part of the original 2006 budget so an adjustment was requested to reflect this activity. This would not affect fund balance in any way.

The budget committee agreed to recommend to approve the budget adjustment of \$37,386.56 for Elections.

4-H Building Project. Ms. Gergen reported that work is progressing well on the 4-H Building at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds. Hundreds of volunteer youth and adults are completing the work, in concert with the Goodhue County Agricultural Society (commonly called the Fair Board).

On May 2, 2006 the Goodhue County Board of Commissioners approved placing \$23,295.93 in a Goodhue County designated account for project use. Since this is a joint project, approximately \$10,000 of these funds will be given to the Fair Board for their infrastructure improvements. That leaves about \$13,295 for use by 4-H for displays, food stand, office and informational improvements that will enhance 4-H's presence at the Goodhue County Fair.

4-H does not pay sales tax by virtue of its tax exempt status, where Goodhue County does pay sales tax. State sales tax at .065 percent on \$13,295 would cost approximately \$865. That

amount of money will purchase a significant amount of lumber, paint, hardware, casters, etc. for the project.

Extension requested that the award of the \$23,295.93, currently in a designated account for the renovation and rehabilitation of the 4-H Building at the Goodhue County Fairgrounds, *be awarded as an allocation/grant to 4-H*, rather than kept in an account.

Upon completion of the project, 4-H will provide Goodhue County with an exact accounting report on how funds were spent. If the entire allocation wasn't spent, those remaining funds will be returned to Goodhue County.

Further, an allocation/grant to Goodhue County 4-H will relieve Goodhue County financial staff from the burden of paying invoices on county time; rather that bill payment will be shifted to a 4-H volunteer.

C/Samuelsen asked how the items are purchased. Ms. Gergen stated that each time she makes a purchase she fills out a tax exempt form.

Both commissioners liked the idea of saving money whenever possible.

The Budget Committee agreed to recommend approval of staff recommendation for the following:

- 1. That, the Goodhue County Board authorizes the disbursement of \$23,295.93 to 4-H as a one-time allotment rather than on a reimbursement basis.*
- 2. After 4-H has completed their work, we recommend that they should come back to the budget committee and County Board to report on the details of their project.*
- 3. We would also recommend that 4-H reimburse the County for any unused portion of this funding.*

2nd Quarter Budget Report. Ms. Benck reported that expenditures are at 48% and revenues are at 45% for the first half of the year. This is typical for this time of the year. In addition, Ms. Hove notified staff that the first half of the county program aid has now been received. This would have an impact on our revenues.

C/Samuelsen asked about the Byllesby Dam account. Ms. Benck noted that the expenditures and the revenues are inflated. Ms. Hanni added that it was her understanding that they were doing a new study on the facility.

C/Samuelsen questioned the inflated percentages on some of the reports. Ms. Benck noted that there are a number of one time payments that are paid in the first half of the year. C/Seifert also pointed out that in some situations the percentage can be high, but the actual dollar amount could be minimal.

Meeting Adjourn.