



Justice and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, February 3, 2011 – 1:30 p.m.
Room 212 – Otsego County Building
225 West Main Gaylord, MI 49735

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM

Members Present: Doug Johnson, John Burt, Erma Backenstose, Bruce Brown, Undersheriff Nowicki, Rachel Frisch, Vicki Courterier, Melissa FitzGerald

Others Present: None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Animal Control Building Update

Mr. Burt distributed the most recent version of the floor plans to the Committee. He informed the Committee that the next step in the process is for the plans to be reviewed and approved by the Livingston Township planning committee. If approved by the Township, they will then be submitted to the Otsego County planning committee for review and approval.

Ms. FitzGerald discussed the idea of selling brick pavers for the new building as a way to raise funds and also to encourage public involvement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Department Updates

Ms. Frisch (Finance) – None.

Ms. FitzGerald (Animal Control) – None.

Bruce Brown (Commissioner) – None.

Undersheriff Nowicki (Sheriff Dept) – Reported that the jail is overcrowded at 42 inmates today.

Ms. Courterier (Courts) – The courts received a \$35,000 drug court grant to be used for mental health services for drug court participants.

Mr. Burt (Administration) – Reported that there is a heating problem in the jail. He is having it looked at as soon as possible. There continue to be water and flooding problems at the old Prosecutor's building. Although the building is unoccupied, there are still many files kept there. He is looking into having the files moved so the building can be shut down completely. He will also facilitate an asbestos survey and look into demolishing the building.

The next meeting date is set for April 27, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

Mr. Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m.