

MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

DATE: August 24, 2018
 TIME: 12:00 p.m.
 PLACE: Room 115, Wood County Courthouse
 TIME ADJOURNED: 1:35 p.m.
 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman William Clendenning, Bill Leichtnam,
 Kenneth Curry, Jake Hahn
 MEMBERS EXCUSED: Brad Hamilton
 OTHERS PRESENT: See attached list.

1. At 12:00 p.m., Chairman Clendenning called the meeting to order.
2. Public comments. None.
3. Courthouse security. Chairman Clendenning explained the noon start time to accommodate the schedules of the judges for their input.

Discussion on current courthouse security. Judge Potter described counties with various issues and degrees of security, those being Green Lake, Columbia, Clark, and Dodge. A couple of counties without security are Adams and Sauk.

Numerous security issues were discussed as well as having armed bailiffs.

Judges provided handouts for Marathon County's screening results for a year and security issues in Wood County courts in 2018. Both documents are attached to these minutes.

4. Discussion of committee members and Maintenance Manager visiting other counties to determine pros and cons of security measures taken by the other counties. Committee consensus that further discussion is needed before this step is needed. Maintenance Manager Reuben Van Tassel is visiting Marquette County for different issue and can explore their security changes and report to committee.
5. Direction of courthouse security. Judge Brazeau explained that the initial security that is needed is closing all entry points into the courthouse with armed security at the front entrance.

Maintenance Manager Van Tassel presented a 3-step proposal for enhanced security measures, attached to these minutes.

6. Review 2019 budget for courthouse security. Moved by Hahn, seconded by Leichtnam, to propose courthouse security expenditures in 2018 of Step 1 - securing Branch I entrance and upgrading door access system and in 2019 implementing Step 2 items of metal detectors and x-ray machine at main entrance, security office at main entrance, and securing employee entrances and main hallways. All ayes.

7. Meeting adjourned without objection by the Chairperson at 1:35 p.m.

Minutes taken and approved by Kenneth Curry.

Kenneth Curry

Kenneth Curry, Secretary (signed electronically)

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Court House Security.

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Today marks the 1-year anniversary of the security initiative in which a single entry/exit point with security screening was implemented at the Marathon County Courthouse.

In the last year, our security staff have screened 203,788 people entering the courthouse. As a result, they have prevented 1,983 knives, 148 canisters of pepper spray, 2 loaded firearms, 20 rounds of ammunition (in addition to the 2 loaded firearms), 1 firearm component, 15 impact weapons, 18 pieces of drug paraphernalia, 2 items containing illegal drugs, and 502 other prohibited items (scissors, hand cuff keys, alcoholic beverages, etc.) from entering the courthouse.

We have also had more OWI, alcohol, and drug arrests from the courthouse complex over the last year due to early contact with impaired individuals.

Thank you for your patience during the implementation of the new procedures, and thank you to our security staff who have worked hard to increase the safety of the courthouse.



114 Comments 54 Shares

SECURITY ISSUE DATES *Issues IN 2018 Wood County*

5/23: PANIC BUTTON – BRANCH 1

6/18: SECURITY CALLED

6/20: SECURITY CALLED – SMALL CLAIMS

7/3: GUN THREAT – BRANCH 1

7/18: SECURITY CALLED – RESERVE COURTROOM BRANCH 3

7/27: SECURITY CALLED – OFFICERS TOOK PERSON TO THE GROUND- BRANCH 2

8/22: SECURITY CALLED – DIVORCE MATTER – BRANCH 1

8/28: SECURITY WILL BE CALLED – WARNED BY CLERK OF COURTS DEFENDANT IS HOSTILE AND UPSET

This list refers to Courtroom issues additional issues have occurred thru out the courthouse.

COURTHOUSE SECURITY – Preliminary Estimates

STEP 1 **\$50,000**

- Secure Branch 1 Entrance
- Upgrade Door Access System

STEP 2 **\$300,000**

- Metal Detectors & X-Ray Machine at Main Entrance 50 k
- Security Office at Main Entrance 15 k
- Secure Employee Entrances and Main Hallways 50 k
- Upgrade Security Cameras 125 k
- Blinds in Judge's Chambers 30 k
- Secure Hallway Light Switches (Add Occ. Sensors) 30 k

STEP 3 **\$340,000**

- Secure Maintenance Ramp with Crash Barrier 100 k
- Secure each Department Reception Area 160 k
 - Security Glass, Door, Camera
- Ballistic Material in Judge's Benches 30 k
- Window Coverings in Courtrooms 50 k

The items listed above are an overview of some recommended security improvements based primarily on the most recent US Marshal Survey of the Courthouse.