

WORK SESSION MINUTES

February 19, 2013

9:00 a.m.

Commissioners' Office Conference Room

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Allen Springer.

STAFF: Laura Tschabold, Chuck Vesper, Sheriff Jack Crabtree, Captain Ron Huber.

TOPIC: Courthouse Security

Kathy George called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

The group discussed the issue of security in the courthouse. Laura Tschabold stated that the judges are looking for increased security levels. Allen Springer emphasized the importance of finding the right balance of security that will protect people and assets in the courthouse without requiring an unreasonable amount of sacrifice. He suggested taking a phased approach to increased security measures, and said that some changes could be made that wouldn't require additional funding.

Jack Crabtree pointed out the need to acknowledge that the courthouse does currently have security, and to keep the perspective that there are other areas in the community that are higher targets than the courthouse. He said that an increase in security staffing is dependent on increased resources. He said that the next level would be to limit the courthouse to one entrance and provide staffing to utilize the metal detectors. He said that he is open to outsourcing the security work, and would be willing to provide cost estimates to the Board for various levels of security. He said that the courts currently cover only about 30% of the cost of security, and that funding formula should be revisited. Mary agreed that any increase in county resources to courthouse security would take away resources from security in other areas.

After further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary