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6.01 LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPACT.

- (1) PURPOSE. This section is adopted pursuant to ss. 66.30, Wis. Stats., to permit County law enforcement units to enter into reciprocal agreements to provide mutual assistance in emergencies of such magnitude that the law enforcement unit of one county cannot handle them.
- (2) SHERIFF'S RESPONSIBILITY. The County Sheriff shall negotiate with the sheriffs of other counties in Wisconsin a detailed plan to implement the general purpose stated in sub. (1).
- (3) OFFICER'S DUTY. In an emergency and when authorized by the Sheriff or his subordinate, the members of the County Sheriff's Department shall perform enforcement work and other work related to public health and safety beyond the territorial limits of the County.
- (4) REPORTS TO BOARD. When enforcement personnel are assigned to duty beyond the territorial limits of the County under emergency circumstances as provided herein, the Sheriff shall within 10 days make an appropriate report to the County Board.
- (5) REORGANIZATION PLAN. (Cr. Res. #1-78) See Resolution #1-78 and attachments thereto, on file in the offices of the Sheriff and Police Departments.

6.02 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: PERSONNEL.

(1) EMPLOYMENT.

- (a) All full-time employees of the Sheriff's Department, except the matron and undersheriff, shall be hired upon the recommendation of the sheriff then in office and upon approval of the Law Enforcement Committee.
- (b) The Sheriff may appoint the matron and undersheriff without the approval of the Law Enforcement Committee. The undersheriff will be in charge of the Investigative Division. (Am. #78-78)
- (c) No full-time employees of the Sheriff's Department shall be under 21 years of age.

(2) LEAVE OF ABSENCE. The Sheriff may grant a leave of absence to a deputy sheriff and appoint him undersheriff or to any other position in the Sheriff's Department; and upon acceptance of such new appointment and duties and after completion thereof, such employee shall immediately be returned to his deputy sheriff position and continue therein without loss of any rights as deputy sheriff.

(3) DISMISSAL. All full-time employees of the Sheriff's Department shall be dismissed or discharged only for cause and upon a majority vote of the County Board.

(4) RETIREMENT. Section 3.06(1)(b)2. shall apply.

(5) PROBATION. Each employee of the Sheriff's Department shall serve a 6-month probationary period.

6.03 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: FINANCES.

(1) Huber Housing Rate. Every "Huber Law" prisoner who is gainfully employed or who receives unemployment insurance or employment training benefits while in custody in the jail, shall be liable for charges of \$12 per day plus sales tax for maintenance and board of the prisoner during the entire period of time that the person is or was confined in the Huber Facility. The Sheriff shall charge the prisoner's account for such board.

(2) Housing Rate for Non-County Prisoners. The housing rate for prisoners that are being held for other counties or for other authorities shall be \$55 per day unless the prisoner is a "Special Needs Inmate." The housing rate for "Special Needs Inmates" shall be \$90 per day if the prisoner is disabled or has special needs that require isolation in the medical infirmary area.

(3) MILEAGE ALLOWANCE FOR TRANSPORTING PRISONERS. (Am. #186-80, #183-79, #231-77) The mileage allowance to the Sheriff for transporting persons and patients to the locations herein specified and other outside County travel involving persons remanded to the Sheriff's custody shall be at the rate set forth in ss. 3.13(1) of this Code. The institutions specified are as follows:

- (a) Mendota.
- (b) Waupun.
- (c) Northern Colony (Chippewa Falls).
- (d) Boys School (Waukesha).
- (e) Taycheedah.
- (f) Reformatory (Green Bay).
- (g) Correctional Camp System (Oregon)
- (h) Winnebago State Hospital (Oshkosh).
- (i) Crime Lab (Madison).
- (j) Veterans Hospital (Tomah).
- (k) Lincoln School (Irma).

(4) PRISONER REIMBURSEMENT.

(a) Section 302.372, Wis. Stats., provides that a county may seek reimbursement for any expenses incurred by the county in relation to the crime for which a person is sentenced to the county jail or for which the person was placed on probation and confined in the jail in an amount not more than the actual per-day cost of maintaining that prisoner.

(b) Pursuant to the terms and conditions of s. 302.372, Wis. Stats., as presently enacted or as from time to time may be amended, the Sheriff of La Crosse County is authorized to seek reimbursement of an amount not to exceed \$50 per confinement from persons sentenced to the La Crosse County Jail or from persons placed on probation and confined in said jail.

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(c) If the jailer maintains an institutional account for a prisoner's use for payment for items from canteen, vending or similar services, the jailer may make deductions from the account until the amount authorized under sub. (4)(b) is paid in full. The County may also commence an action against the prisoner to obtain reimbursement pursuant to s. 302.372(6) Wis. Stats.

(d) Any money collected under this section shall be deposited in the County Treasury. The County Board shall dedicate the net proceeds from the money collected as follows: one-half to programs that provide alternatives to jails and one-half to the Sheriff's Department to be used for County jail programs and/or operating expenses.

6.04 PATROL OF HIGHWAYS. The County Traffic Police Department shall assume primary but not exclusive enforcement jurisdiction on all federal, State, County, and township highways in the County except any part of the federal, State or County trunk highway system which is located within the incorporated limits of the cities and except all interstate highways within the County.

6.05 SMALL CLAIMS COURT.

(1) CREATED. There is created a Small Claims Court for the County, with jurisdiction, powers, functions, duties, procedures and practices as prescribed in Ch. 299, Wis. Stats.

(2) JUDGE.

(a) Election. The judge of the Small Claims Court shall be a County judge elected pursuant to ss. 253.06, Wis. Stats., to a 6-year term beginning with the April election in 1955.

(b) Practice of Law Restricted. No judge of the Small Claims Court shall engage in the practice of law involving any matters within the jurisdiction of the Small Claims Court as prescribed in Ch. 299, Wis. Stats.; provided his capacity as Judge of the Small Claims Court shall not restrict his practice of law in matters outside the jurisdiction of such Court.

(c) Salary. The salary of the Judge of Small Claims Court shall be as provided in ss. 253.07, Wis. Stats., in addition to such other compensation as the County Board may from time to time provide.

6.06 DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

(1) ELECTION AND TERM. See ss. 1.01(2)(b).

(2) COMPENSATION. The District Attorney shall receive such compensation as the County Board may from time to time provide, subject to the limitations of ss. 59.471, Wis. Stats.

(3) DUTIES. The District Attorney shall have the duties provided in Ch. 59, Wis. Stats., particularly ss. 59.47, Wis. Stats.

6.07 JURORS', BALIFFS' AND JURY COMMISSIONERS' FEES. (Am. #220-80, #35-78 and #4-78) All jurors, baliffs and jury commissioners shall be compensated at the rate of \$25 per day. A minimum of \$12.50 shall be compensation for reporting upon call for 4 hours or less.

6.08 FAMILY COURT COMMISSIONER.

(1) APPOINTMENT AND TERM. See ss. 1.02(1)(e).

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(2) COMPENSATION. Pursuant to ss. 247.17, Wis. Stats., the Family Court Commissioner shall receive such salary as the County Board shall annually by resolution determine.

(3) DUTIES. The duties, powers, and jurisdiction of the Family Court Commissioner shall be as provided by Chs. 247 and 252, Wis. Stats.

6.09 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER.

(1) QUALIFICATIONS AND APPOINTMENT. The State Department of Administration shall advertise for applicants and conduct an examination to certify to the Juvenile Judge a list of the 3 highest ranking candidates, whose qualifications shall conform to those of a social work supervisor II in the Wisconsin State Service.

(2) COMPENSATION. The Chief Probation Officer shall receive such compensation as the Finance and Personnel Committee shall establish from time to time, subject to the approval of the County Board.

6.10 CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION SYSTEM. (Cr. #12-79) The "Bylaws for Administration of the La Crosse Criminal Justice Information System" are adopted by reference and incorporated herein as though set forth in full.