

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2021

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Wayne Ridge, Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Dairus Reynnet, and Commissioner Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT:

Chairman Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Wilkinson, and Jerri Nesbitt

The December 2, 2021 regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all, led by Commissioner Barnes.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the Minutes of the November 4, 2021 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Reynnet seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Dingman spoke in support of the Board scheduling a public hearing on the draft ORV Ordinance, while noting concern over the proposed exempt roads in the Bellevue area.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich highlighted the major incidents that occurred in November 2021.

Chief Deputy Morris presented a request to amend the Sheriff's Office fee schedule for contracted dedicated patrol/enforcement activity from \$55/hour to \$60/hour. Discussion held.

Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend the amendment to the Sheriff's Office fee schedule to the Board of Commissioners, as requested. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Undersheriff Cook provided an update on the Sheriff's contingency plan in the event the Jail Medical Administrator position is not filled prior to the current employee's retirement. In order to continue to meet the medical needs of jail inmates, the Sheriff has discussed the possible need for an interim contract with vendors specializing in correctional institution medical services. It was discussed that this is not the Sheriff's preference, however given current labor market difficulties recruiting qualified candidates, this contingency is being prepared for. Further discussion held.

JAIL AND YOUTH FACILITY SECURITY SYSTEM PROJECT

A summary of the sealed bids received November 10, 2021 was presented and discussed. The actual bids received were greater than the initial estimates developed in May 2021, due to ongoing economic factors. Due to the economic outlooks it is not anticipated that bid results would be significantly different if the current bids were rejected and the project re-bid. It is recommended that the County award the project to the lowest bidder, Accurate Controls, Inc. and exercise its right to negotiate revisions to the project scope to reduce the overall cost with the selected bidder, without jeopardizing the integrity of the project. Discussion held.

Commissioner Ridge moved to recommend award of a contract for the Jail and Youth Facility Security System Project to Accurate Controls, Inc. and to enter into negotiations with Accurate Controls, Inc. to determine the terms and conditions, per Addendum No. 2 to the bid package dated November 3, 2021. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Discussion held. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes presented the monthly jail census and court security reports. There were no significant changes in the overall jail census. WRAP program participant numbers and MDOC inmate numbers decreased slightly due to a reduction in the number of MDOC transfers currently due to COVID-19 transmission rates. There were no unusual incidents to report from court security. Discussion held.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham provided the Department's monthly report. It was reported that Francis D'Huyvetter had been selected to be promoted to the Deputy Director of Central Dispatch position.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Management Coordinator Wilkinson discussed the upcoming Silver Thaw exercise scheduled for December 7, 2021.

It was also reported that the County was notified it was eligible to receive supplemental grant funds through an American Rescue Plan Act appropriation through the Emergency Management

Program Grant (EMPG). A resolution to apply for the supplemental funds was presented for consideration.

Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the EMPG supplemental grant award resolution, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

ORV ORDINANCE

A draft county ORV Ordinance and appendix map of proposed roads to not be designated for use by ORVs was presented and discussed.

Commissioner Ridge moved to recommend to the Board of Commissioners that a public hearing on the proposed ORV Ordinance be scheduled for February 16, 2022. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha expressed his opposition to the adoption of an ORV Ordinance allowing for the use on county roads. Commissioner Droscha also referred to and read excerpts from two communications received by the Board of Commissioners members opposing an ordinance from two industry advocacy groups, Specialty Vehicle Institute of America and Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association. Further discussion held. Motion carried. Commissioner Droscha opposed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Droscha inquired of the Sheriff's Office on the availability of the Work Crew on behalf of the Parks Department. The two departments will communicate regarding this program.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Dingman, Mark Goodrich, Fred Redman, Dakota Angus, Ron Rademacher and Wayne Root expressed support for the County's proposed ORV Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in January 2022, at a date and time to be determined by the Board of Commissioners at its Organizational Meeting, January 3, 2022.



Commissioner Tim Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee