

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Chairman Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Captain Chris Kuhlman, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Administrative Assistant Teresa Tucker, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Community Corrections Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, John McNett, and Jerri Nesbitt

The December 1, 2022, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Commissioner Barnes.

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the Minutes of the November 3, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Ridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of November, 2022.

CADET PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Capt. Kuhlman provided an overview of the proposed Cadet Program, aimed at recruiting new employees. The program will accept up to six cadets who are pursuing or are completing a Criminal Justice program. The Sheriff's Office would sponsor them through a police academy and fund the academy tuition. They would be a certified police officer upon academy graduation

and become a probationary deputy. The proposed program will include agreements to protect the County's investment during and after the policy academy. Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha made a motion to recommend program approval of the cadet to the Ways and Means Committee for approval of position description, budget amendment and changes to the position allocation list. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes reported that the Jail census was 41 percent for the month of November, which is lower than recent months. The descent during this period is consistent with historical census data. It was noted that the WRAP program participant census remained consistent with prior months and did not reflect a significant reduction.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported staff is completing required training and additionally there are three new Telecommunicators in the training program. An update was provided on the research phase, including vendor demonstrations for a potential computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system replacement in FY 23-24. Technology Services is completing a routine device replacement project for Fire and EMS units. Recent career outreach efforts were discussed including attendance at a Career Day event at Pottersville High School. Teresa Tucker, Central Dispatch LEIN Tac Coordinator and Administrative Assistant, was introduced to the committee. Ms. Tucker has been employed at Central Dispatch for 20 years.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported focusing on 2023 planning, i.e., Tri-County Hazardous Mitigation Plan, Emergency Operations Plan update, and training classes January-March, 2023. It was also reported that Central Dispatch Director Cunningham completed the requirements to obtain the Professional Emergency Manager designation including passing the examination.

Commissioner Haskell made a motion to recommend approval of the Emergency Manager Performance grant work agreement, which pays up to 50 percent of the Emergency Manager's salary, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Commissioner Barnes thanked the committee for their support and wished everyone Happy Holidays.

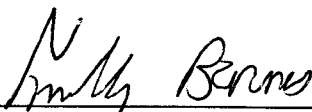
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held in January 2023 at a date to be determined at the Board of Commissioner's Organizational Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, Michigan 48813.

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Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee