

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Scott Hansen, Commissioner Mark Mudry, and Commissioner Frank Holmes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jacob Toomey

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Jim Mott, Controller Connie Sobie, Human Resources Director Ben Dawson, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Intern Megan Blair, Community Corrections Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, Circuit Court Administrator Amy Etzel, Deputy Circuit Court Administrator Kathy Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Rolfe, and Jerri Nesbitt

The June 1, 2023, 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 Commissioner Haskell.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There were no changes or additions to the Agenda. Commissioner Droscha made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Holmes noted a clerical error in the Miscellaneous section of the May 4, 2023, Minutes. The change was noted and will be amended. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2023, Public Safety Meeting as amended. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of May, 2023. Sheriff Reich informed the committee of the number backup calls Road Patrol Deputies performed for area police agencies for the month of May.

DEPUTY/PARAMEDIC PROGRAM UPDATE

Undersheriff Cook presented an update on development of this program. Human Resources Director Ben Dawson provided an update on the progress made in implementation of this program and current staffing levels and vacancies. Discussion held.

SPECIALTY COURT GRANT RESOLUTIONS

Community Corrections Coordinator Melanie Achenbach discussed the updated eligibility requirements for two Office of Highway Safety Planning grants. The updated eligibility requirements will allow Eaton County to qualify to apply for the grants for the upcoming fiscal year. The grant application resolutions that were presented for consideration were:

- Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) – District Hybrid Court Application
- Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) – Felony Sobriety Court Application

Commissioner Haskell made a motion to recommend approval of the grant application resolutions, as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported an increase of about 2,000 calls for service during the month of May, the retirement of Executive Assistant Jackie Ewing and upcoming retirement of Administrative Assistant Teresa Tucker, two Telecommunicators attended Basic and Advanced Emergency and Non-emergency required training, and the Tactical Team taking part in the recent Lansing Mall exercise. Technology Services continues implementation of the Alertus System. An application has been submitted requesting permission to join Clinton County's talk group. Ionia and Calhoun Counties have started updating their first responder radios. K-9 Hutch has been attending outreach events during the month with anticipated graduation in August. Telecommunicator Brian Jones was introduced to the committee. He was hired approximately 2 years ago and worked for Ionia County 2-1/2 prior to that. He is a member of the Tactical Team, and was in the Marine Corps; now is in the National Guard.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Intern Megan Blair reported participating in the Emergency Operation Center implementation for Grand Ledge and Bellevue Schools, the recent Safety Patrol Picnic, and attending the Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference. Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson focused on the Michigan Task Force Planning Team Manager exercise and the Advanced Fire Department Functional Rescue Exercise.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held July 6, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee