

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Mark Mudry, Jacob Toomey, Brian Haskell, and Frank Holmes

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Mott, Connie Sobie, Logan Bailey, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Capt. Robert Block, Ryan Wilkinson, Melanie Achenbach

The April 4, 2024, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes of March 7, 2024, Public Safety Meeting as presented. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of March, 2024.

DETECTIVE COMMAND RESTRUCTURE REQUEST

Controller Sobie explained the County has had the Detective Sergeant position in the Sheriff's Department for a number of years; previously, a Lieutenant was in charge of the Detectives. She stated this request is to change the existing Sergeant position to that of a Lieutenant to solidify and streamline the command structure and also assist in succession planning in the detective bureau.

Captain Rob Block was additionally present to speak in support of this request. Captain Block gave an overview of the current command structure and how the Detective Bureau works. He noted due to staffing shortages the Detective Sergeant position is currently vacant.

The request to Ways and Means will be to change the position allocation to a Lieutenant. Staffing will not change, this will just be a restructure. Discussion was held. Commissioner

Barnes moved to recommend approval of this Command Restructure request to change the Detective Sergeant position to a Lieutenant to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING STRATEGIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (OHSP)

Controller Sobie reported the purpose of this funding is to enforce seat belt use and reduce traffic crashes. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIALTY COURT GRANT RESOLUTIONS

Melanie Achenbach, Community Corrections Coordinator, gave an overview of several Specialty Court Grant Resolutions.

- Community Corrections Act 1988, P.A. 511 Grant Application
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) - Adult Circuit Drug Court Application
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Adult Circuit Drug Court Application
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) - District Hybrid Court Application
- Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program - (SSSPP) Application
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) - Felony Sobriety Court Application
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Felony Sobriety Court Application
- Michigan Veterans Treatment Court - Grant Program (MVTCGP) Application
- Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant (OHSP) - Felony Sobriety Court
- Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant (OHSP) - District Hybrid Court

Discussion was held. Commissioner Barnes moved to recommend approval of all ten Specialty Court Resolutions to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Commissioner Barnes reported on efforts being made by Sunfield Township District 1 to have Advanced Life Support for the area performed by Portland EMS due to its close proximity. Concerns from Ionia County were discussed.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported on the success of Severe Weather Awareness Week. He noted there will be a Mortuary Response Team full-scale exercise held at the Eaton County Fairgrounds Wednesday, May 1 and Commissioners are invited to attend. Work on the Presidential Disaster Declaration applications and funding continues with \$424,000 dispersed locally to date with about 500 applications being received to date. Manager Wilkinson announced Mitchell Carlson has been selected for the Emergency Management summer intern position.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR DISASTER ASSISTANCE FROM AUGUST 2023 STORMS

Emergency Manager Wilkinson presented a resolution requesting to apply for disaster assistance from the State of Michigan Section 19 in the amount of \$137,000. Commissioner Mudry moved to amend the Resolution request to say \$137,000. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the amended

resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Droscha asked for an update on the Mobile Command Unit project. Sheriff Reich said it should be completed in the October/November timeframe.

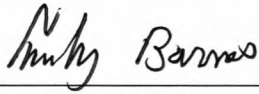
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held May 2, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee