

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Brian Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Mott, Connie Sobie, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Capt. Chris Kuhlman, Kelly Cunningham, Ryan Wilkinson, Ella Gardner, and Jerri Nesbitt

The July 11, 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 led by Chairman Commissioner Barnes.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the SEMCO Licensing Agreement under Central Dispatch. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 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 June, 2024.

SHERIFF FEES SCHEDULE POLICE AND ACCIDENT REPORTS

Capt. Kuhlman stated currently to obtain a copy of an accident report, the fee is \$7 and there is no fee to obtain a copy of a police report. The Sheriff's Department is requesting to amend the fee schedule to \$10 for each report to align our fees with that of other agencies. Discussion was held. Commissioner Barnes moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to amend the Fee Schedule the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Dispatch Director Cunningham reported the Dispatch floor remodel is making progress. She noted there is one Telecommunicator vacancy and one new hire has started employment. The

Grand Ledge Yankee Doodle Days and Potterville Gizzard Festival Parades were attended. Memorial Day Parade and Eaton Rapids Safety Town events were also attended.

SOUTH EASTERN MICHIGAN GAS COMPANY (SEMCO) LICENSING AGREEMENT

Director Cunningham stated SEMCO is a private entity located in Calhoun County and they have requested to use one of our radio system towers. The Agreement states SEMCO will maintain their own additional equipment and pay a fee of \$105 per user, per year, which would cover the cost of the county's tower maintenance fees. Commissioner Holmes moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to enter into an agreement with SEMCO to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported with the assistance of a Homeland Security grant, Emergency Management was able to send 22 people to the North American Active Assailant Conference. He stated Community Readiness tabletop exercises were completed for the Cities of Eaton Rapids and Grand Ledge and a grant project is being undertaken to enhance election security in collaboration with the Eaton County Clerk and Technology Services.

MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 6-MONTH PROGRESS REPORT

Manager Wilkinson reported milestones are steadily being achieved. He stated this revised strategic plan will take effect in 2025 and will be reviewed for revisions every two years.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Manager Wilkinson stated our current MOU with the American Red Cross has expired and requested a renewal for five years. Commissioner Barnes moved to recommend approval of a Resolution to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the American Red Cross to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held August 1, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee