

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Connie Sobie, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Sidel, Kelly Cunningham, Francis D'Huyvetter, and Ella Gardner

The November 7, 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

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2024, Public Safety meeting as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of October, 2024. The Sheriff stated due to the defeat of the Tax Limitation Ballot Proposal, it will be necessary for the Sheriff's Office to undergo drastic changes in the near future.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham presented the Department's monthly report. It was also noted Fire Department Open Houses were attended in Benton Township, Charlotte, Hamlin Township, Grand Ledge, and Olivet.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Management Assistant Ella Gardner presented the Department's monthly report. It was noted review of Departmental Continuity of Operations (COOP) plans continues and the Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan (MHMP) was submitted to the state for review on November 1st. Once approved by the state the Plan will then be sent to FEMA for approval.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
CENTER MOU WITH DELTA TOWNSHIP**

Ms. Gardner explained this resolution would allow for an alternate location for an Emergency Operations Center in Delta Township if ever needed. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of this Resolution to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING FAMILY COURT AWARENESS MONTH IN EATON
COUNTY**

Commissioner Barnes moved to recommend approval of a Resolution proclaiming November as Family Court Awareness Month to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

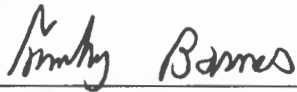
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Delta Township resident Jennifer Hood addressed the committee on the Tax Limitation Proposal. She stated she is an English teacher and she found the ballot language to be convoluted and cumbersome as it was written.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held December 5, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee