

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Frank Holmes, Chris Arndt, Jason Peek, and Nicole Christensen

ABSENT: Commissioners Brandon Haskell and Jacob Toomey

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Brian Droscha, and Scott Hansen; Connie Sobie, Sheriff Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Sidel, Captain Block, Kelly Cunningham, Francis D'Huyvetter, Doug Lloyd, Chris Anderson, Ryan Wilkinson, Ella Gardner, Melanie Achenbach, and Amy Etzel

The January 9, 2025, 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.

Chairman Commissioner Barnes welcomed the committee thanking them for their participation and commitment.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There were no changes to the agenda. Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Barnes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of December 2024.

Controller/Administrator Sobie presented the quarterly Court Security and Jail statistical reports.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Director Cunningham introduced herself and Deputy Dispatch Director D'Huyvetter. Director Cunningham gave a brief overview of Central Dispatch, explaining staffing, funding, and the department's relationship with Information Technology and their equipment. It was noted Telecommunicators met to set goals for 2025, and Supervisor Thacker submitted his intent to retire effective May 31, 2025.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson introduced himself and Emergency Management Specialist Gardner to the committee. Manager Wilkinson explained the scope of Emergency Management projects, responsibilities, and goals. He reported in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness Week, the first cross-jurisdictional Tri-County wireless emergency alert test will be conducted Wednesday, March 19th, at 12:59 p.m. This event is the first of its kind to be conducted nationwide.

MULTI-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2024 & 2025) 1-Year Progress Report

Manager Wilkinson explained what this plan is and the status of progress over the last 6 months. They have met milestones of six different goals and eleven different objectives in connection with this Plan.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd introduced himself and provided an overview of some of the 500 mandated responsibilities required of the Prosecutor's Office. The function of the Economic Crime Unit was explained. It was noted there is no cost of the County for this unit, and to date the Unit has recovered over \$9.6 million dollars for merchants within the County.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Barnes expressed his strong support of Public Safety and looks forward to the work the committee will do.

In recognition of National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day, Commissioner Christensen thanked the Sheriff's Office for their efforts.

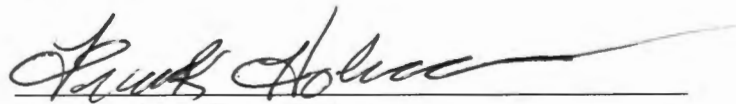
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Eaton County Court Administrator Amy Etzel introduced herself and Specialty Courts Coordinator, Melanie Achenbach.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held February 6, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Frank Holmes
Vice-Chairperson, Public Safety Committee