

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Frank Holmes, Chris Ardnt, Jason Peek, Nicole Christensen, Brian Haskell, and Jacob Toomey

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioners Jim Mott, Brian Droscha, Scott Hansen, Mark Mudry, Jane Whitacre, Connie Sobie, Ben Dawson, Sheriff Reich, Undersheriff Cook, Chief Deputy Sidel, Captain Block, Captain Kuhlman, Sergeant Barber, Dairus Reynnet, Kelly Cunningham, Francis D'Huyvetter, Doug Lloyd, Chris Anderson, Ryan Wilkinson, Ella Gardner, Melanie Achenbach, Amy Etzel, Katherine Price, and Jon McNett

The February 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Holmes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all led by Chairperson Holmes.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There were no changes to the agenda. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Toomey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the January 9, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented. Commissioner Toomey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of January 2025. The Sheriff's Office had 2,580 calls for service during the month of January 2025.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF OLIVET FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER

Sheriff Reich reported that the Sheriff's Office was approached by the University of Olivet for our assistance in completing a State of Michigan grant application that would fully cover wages of a Deputy to be a School Resource Officer at the University. Commissioner Haskell made a motion recommending approval by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Ardnt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BJA FY25 VIRTUAL REALITY DE-ESCALATION SITE-BASED INITIATIVE GRANT APPLICATION

Captain Kuhlman expressed the benefits of applying for this grant. The grant award is \$155,000 and would cover the cost of this virtual reality-based training tool. This tool would be used for Corrections personnel as well as Road Patrol Deputies. The grant application is due in March. If approved and if the millage passes, this training tool would eliminate overtime and would ensure the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards training requirements are met annually. Commissioner Haskell made a motion recommending approval of applying for this grant. Commissioner Peek seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Dispatch Director Cunningham reported collaboration with Technology Services as begun on replacement of MCT's starting with the smaller communities first. There is one Telecommunicator vacancy, one applicant in the Background phase, one applicant on the hiring list, and one supervisor opening with one applicant being considered. The Calhoun County Career Center is sending two students as interns to aid in their continuing education. Central Dispatch will be receiving the Outstanding Call Center of the Year award.

ANNUAL REPORT

Dispatch Director Cunningham presented the Central Dispatch 2024 Annual Report listing their many achievements. The document has been added to the County website.

RADIO SURCHARGE PROJECTIONS

Dispatch Director Cunningham explained the history of the Radio Surcharge and her recommendation that the surcharge remain at the \$1.65 rate. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the recommendation. Commissioner Toomey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported the application process is open for the summer internship student. The 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.

PLAN SYNCHRONIZATION PROJECT RESOLUTIONS

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson explained the reasoning for the Plan Synchronization Project involving the following Plans: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA); Emergency Operations Plan (EOP); Recovery Plan; Continuity of Government (COG) and Departmental Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plans; Training Plan; Exercise, Evaluation, and Corrective Action Plan; Prevention Overview; and FEMA Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) – Collaborative Operating Group (COG). Commissioner Haskell made a motion recommending approval of the Resolutions to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Peek seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd reported statistics for the month of January 2025, which encompasses the number of new cases, Hearings attended, Court of Appeals cases, Economic

Crime Unit cases, and Discovery documents prepared. His office had a Legal Assistant and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney submit resignations.

TRIAL COURTS

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR TITLE IV-E CHILD & PARENT REPRESENTATION GRANT

Juvenile Court Director Katherine Price explained the purpose of this grant for funding for attorneys in child protection cases, their training, and mentorship. The application deadline is the end of February with an approval decision expected in June or July. Commissioner Arndt made a motion recommending approval of the application process. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Holmes adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Holmes", is written over a horizontal line.

Commissioner Frank Holmes

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