

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Frank Holmes, Chris Arndt, Nicole Christensen, Brian Haskell, and Jacob Toomey

ABSENT: Jason Peek

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

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There was one addition to the agenda under Sheriff's Office Update regarding the Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) Strategic Traffic Enforcement Grant. Commissioner Toomey moved to approve the agenda with the addition. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the February 6, 2025, meeting were approved as submitted. Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Court Administrator Amy Etzel reported on duties and responsibilities of the Trial Courts and actions being taken to reduce spending in the 2025-2026 budget.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Undersheriff Cook reported the highlights for the month of February 2025.

OHSP STRATEGIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Capt. Block explained this is a grant the Sheriff's Office has been participating in for many years. The grant covers 440 hours of reimbursable overtime for traffic enforcement and equipment that can be purchased. Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the OHSP Grant Application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Arndt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Dispatch Director Cunningham reported on training attended throughout the month and noted staffing levels of the department.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported on accomplishing the K-12 mid-year check-in. He reminded everyone of the cross-jurisdictional Tri-County Wireless Emergency Alert test being conducted Wednesday, March 19th, at 12:59 p.m. in conjunction with Severe Weather Awareness week.

MOU FOR IPAWS USE BETWEEN EATON COUNTY AND DELTA TOWNSHIP

Manager Wilkison explained the IPAWS MOU is for alerts, warnings, and notifications to the public by using the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS) managed by Eaton County. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend approval of the MOU to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Holmes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

FY2024 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (HSGP) SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT

Manager Wilkison stated this is a \$21,000 grant for three years specifically to cover trainings and training exercises. Commissioner Arndt moved to recommend approval of the HSGP agreement to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

Chief Prosecuting Attorney Chris Anderson reported statistics for the month of February 2025. The information provided includes the number of new cases, hearings attended, Court of Appeals cases, Economic Crime Unit cases, and discovery documents prepared. Mr. Anderson also provided a detailed description of his duties as Chief Prosecuting Attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

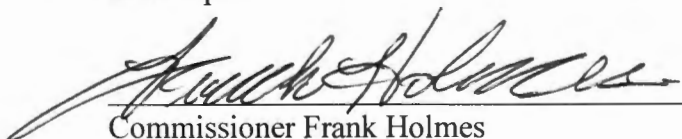
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chairperson Holmes adjourned the meeting at 4:43 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held April 3, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Frank Holmes
Vice-Chairperson, Public Safety Committee