

# **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

## **MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Scott Hansen, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Frank Holmes, and Commissioner Jacob Toomey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Mott, Controller Connie Sobie, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Samantha Neirink, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Specialty Court Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, and Jerri Nesbitt

The April 6, 2023, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Commissioner Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all, led by Commissioner Mudry.

### **AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES**

Controller Sobie requested the additional item of Sheriff's Office Salary Scale Placement under the Sheriff's Office Update. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the Agenda with the addition. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Droscha made a motion to approve the Minutes of the March 2, 2023, Public Safety Meeting. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

### **LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE**

Chief Deputy Morris reported the highlights for the month of March, 2023. Chairman Commissioner Barnes asked for an update on the status of patrol vehicles that were recently damaged. Chief Deputy Morris reported that two of the County Patrol vehicles involved are totaled but two replacements have been received and are being outfitted for patrol duty.

### **SALARY SCALE PLACEMENT –**

Deputy Joe Brown (originally hired in 1982) was recently rehired by the Sheriff's Office. Controller Sobie requested approval by the Committee to start Deputy Brown at the top of the Deputy salary scale based on years of service. Discussion Held. Commissioner Haskell made a motion recommending approval of the request. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING STRATEGIC TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (OHSP)**

Controller Sobie requested approval of the County's continued participation in the Office of Highway Safety Planning Strategic Traffic Enforcement Program. This program provides funding for special traffic enforcement periods throughout the year. Commissioner Mudry made a motion to approved continued participation. Commissioner Toomey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **SPECIALTY COURT GRANT RESOLUTIONS**

The following grant renewal applications were presented for consideration:

- Community Corrections Act 1988, P.A. 511 Grant Application
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) – Adult Circuit Drug Court Application
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grand (JAG) – Adult Circuit Drug Court Application
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) – District Hybrid Court Application
- Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program – (SSSPP) Application
- Michigan Drug Court Grant Program (MDCGP) – Felony Sobriety Court Application
- Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Felony Sobriety Court Application
- Michigan Veterans Treatment Court – Grant Program (MVTCGP) Application

Specialty Court Coordinator Melanie Achenbach provided a brief overview of each of the grant-funded programs, noting that the applications represent requests for continuation funding for existing programs.

Commissioner Droscha made a motion to recommend approval of the grant application renewal resolutions, as presented, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE**

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported on the recent Statewide Tornado Drill. Technology Services is continuing iPad replacement with Fire Departments and EMS Units. In conjunction with Michigan State Post 11, Central Dispatch will be participating in a Power Engagement Pilot Program. This is in the building phase and there is no cost involved. Telecommunicators Smith and Hennessey completed training. A new Telecommunicator has begun the orientation process and there is currently one vacancy. Telecommunicator Supervisor Nunham is beginning the training process with the new Facility Canine, 8-month-old Labradoodle named Hutch. Hutch will be used for peer support, therapy and at public relations events. Telecommunicator Samantha Neirink was introduced. National Telecommunicator Week is April 9-15 and will include events and awards throughout the week.

## **POTTERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BI-DIRECTIONAL AMPLIFIER (BDS)**

Communication signal was recently tested in the Potterville Public School buildings. Radio related signal strength issues were found. Director Cunningham is recommending the purchase of the BDS for the Potterville Schools. Discussion held. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE**

Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson reported continuation of Plan analysis. Training has been completed for the quarter and will reconvene in the third quarter. As part of the Statewide Tornado Drill an interview was conducted by WILX focusing on where individuals are to go when there is a tornado event. Summer Intern Megan Blair, Central Michigan University, was hired to fill the position and will start in May.

#### **CRITICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE MAPPING PROPOSAL**

An updated quote was received from CRG mapping of structures throughout the complex. A representative from CRG reported that the project would take 100 days from purchase to complete the mapping project. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to recommend approval of the request to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

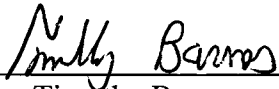
#### **LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held May 4, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.



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Commissioner Timothy Barnes  
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee