

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022  
4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vice-Chairman Commissioner Wayne Ridge, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Jane Whitacre, and Commissioner Darius Reynnet

**ABSENT:** Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chairman Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Emergency Services Intern Ella Gardner, Rebecca and Phil Rolfe, and Jerri Nesbitt

The June 2, 2022, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Commissioner Ridge.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all, led by Vice-Chairman Commissioner Ridge.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the Minutes of the May 5, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Reynnet seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**EATON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB**

Commissioner Reynnet introduced Rebecca and Phillip Rolfe who gave a presentation on the history of amateur radio club, most commonly known as Ham radios, and announcing an upcoming Field Day event at Camp Frances, Charlotte, June 25 and 26, 2022. Attendance is free. There are 300 licensed operators in Eaton County.

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE**

Undersheriff Cook highlighted the major incidents in May, 2022.

## **MICHIGAN JUSTICE TRAINING COMPETITIVE GRANT APPLICATION**

The Michigan Justice Training Competitive Grant is a 75 percent reimbursable grant. Funds would be used for the training of Evidence Technicians. Discussion held. Commissioner Whitacre made a motion to recommend approval of the grant application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Controller Fuentes reported that Eaton County was not awarded funds from the State of Michigan grant for First Responder Training and Recruitment that was applied for in February, 2022. Discussion held.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Controller Fuentes reviewed the April reimbursement report. There were no significant variances or changes in the current projections. The error noted last month in Abandoned Vehicle fees has been corrected. Jail census numbers averaged 47 percent for the month of April. There were no unusual incidents to report from court security.

## **CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE**

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported that the tornado warning siren at Crandell Lake has been installed. Electrical service to be completed shortly. Dispatch Director Cunningham, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, and Telecommunicator Houghtaling have been attending Township meetings answering questions regarding the 9-1-1 millage renewal on the August 2, 2022, ballot.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE**

Emergency Services Intern Ella Gardner reported on the success of the 2022 Great Lakes Homeland Security Conference held in Grand Rapids recently. A tabletop exercise was recently held at Michigan State University.

## **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT APPLICATION**

This is an annual grant in which funds would be allocated for basic firefighting classes. The grant award amount is \$5,970. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to recommend approval of the grant application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whitacre seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

None.

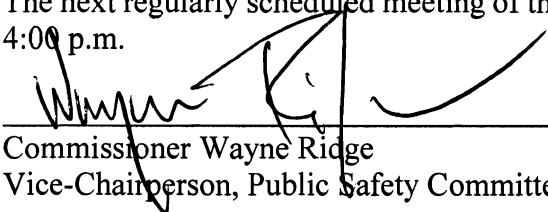
## **LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairman Commissioner Ridge adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held July 7, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

  
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Commissioner Wayne Ridge  
Vice-Chairperson, Public Safety Committee