

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Wayne Ridge, Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Dairus Reynnet and Commissioner Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT:

Chairman Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Captain Chris Kuhlman, Dispatch Director Michael Armitage, Emergency Management Coordinator Ryan Wilkinson, Helen Schneider, and Jerri Nesbitt

The June 3, 2021 regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Barnes.

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES –

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Ridge moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –

Commissioner Ridge moved to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2021. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE –

Undersheriff Cook highlighted the major incidents that occurred in May, 2021.

Chairperson Barnes and Board Chairman Whittum thanked Sheriff Reich for the opportunity to conduct a ride-a-long with patrol staff and expressed their appreciation of the opportunity and experience.

Chairman Barnes commended 9-1-1 and the first responders regarding a recent incident at Lawrence Hwy and Ionia Rd.

Discussion held regarding recent larceny from automobile incidents and citizen concerns in eastern Delta Township. Undersheriff Cook will contact Lt. Tyrell to inform him of the citizens' concerns.

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE COPS HIRING GRANT APPLICATION

Captain Kuhlman reported that this is a Federal Community-Oriented Policing (COPS) grant request for one Deputy in Delta Township and one Deputy in out-County. This is a 3-year, \$125,000 per Deputy grant with a County 25 percent match. Discussion held regarding the community-oriented policy concept. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to recommend approval of the grant application to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whitacre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Captain Kuhlman informed the committee of a Hardening of Security for Acts of Violence Schools Grant that Maple Valley Schools is interested in the Sheriff's Office applying for. Maple Valley Schools has expressed their interest in the grant and providing the required matching funds. Funds would be used for door upgrades, extension signals, and 2-way radios. Grant requests must be submitted by a law enforcement agency. The Sheriff's Office will finalize the grant application and school district match and provide the Committee with an update as to the application at its next meeting.

MONTHLY REPORTS –

Controller Fuentes presented the monthly boarding revenue, courthouse security, and jail census reports. Housing reimbursements are currently trending to meet the budgeted revenues. Census numbers for the WRAP program remain consistent. MDOC was down but is expected to increase in the near future. Census numbers averaged 180 and are slightly higher. Court Security and Youth Facility report numbers are expected to increase due to jury trials commencing in June.

JAIL/YOUTH FACILITY SECURITY SYSTEM DESIGN SERVICES PROPOSAL

Controller Fuentes reported on a proposal received from HOK for engineering design drawings for computer infrastructure upgrades for the Jail and Youth Facility security systems. Proposal for design services is estimated at \$96,850, representing 7% of the estimated project cost. Controller Fuentes recommended acceptance of the proposal for design services. Commissioner Ridge made a motion to forward the proposal recommendation to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE –

Central Dispatch Director Armitage reported call volumes back to average for the month of May. It was reported that the RAVE Panic Button emergency alert system contract is use by the school districts in the County has been extended and will remain in use, after review a possible alternative systems. The Central Dispatch 2020 Annual Report was included in the meeting materials for the Committee's review.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE –

Emergency Services Coordinator Wilkinson reported that the EOC has been scaled back and a Final Situation Report has been submitted. A virtual class was held recently with 29 students taking and completing the course. An intern has started working. This is a pilot program.

RESOLUTION TO FY2021 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT APPLICATION

Emergency Services Coordinator Wilkinson requested consideration to apply for a Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant, in the amount of \$1,680. Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha recommended the grant application be sent for approval to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Ridge seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

LOCAL PLANNING TEAM PROJECT RECOMMENDATION

Emergency Services Coordinator Wilkinson presented a recommendation from the Local Planning Team to fund a mobile fingerprint identification system for the Eaton Rapids Police Department from the homeland security local grant allocation. Discussion held. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Local Planning Team for the homeland security grant acquisition. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS –

None.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT –

Helen Schneider inquired as to the security of the County's technology network and data, in light of the recently reported cyber- and ransomware attacks. Controller Fuentes reported that Technology Services Director Parshall provided an update on the County's information security to the Information Technology and Communication Committee at its meeting June 2, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT –

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room of the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.



Commissioner Wayne Ridge
Vice Chairperson, Public Safety Committee