

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Capt. Robert Block, Lieutenant Aaron Kayne, Lieutenant Scott Brooks, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D’Huyvetter, Emergency Manager Ryan Wilkinson, and Jerri Nesbitt

The September 1, 2022, 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

Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Reynnet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Ridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

A letter received from April Stopczynski, resident of Charlotte, was included in the meeting materials for the committee members’ review.

SHERIFF’S OFFICE UPDATE

Chief Deputy Morris highlighted the major incidents in August, 2022. The committee was updated on the scheduling of a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners to discuss contract negotiation strategy, based on the unions’ agreement to re-open the contract with respect to wages and benefits.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER CONTRACT

Controller Fuentes reported that the Waverly School District is pursuing grant funding to provide for a School Resource Officer provided contractually by the Sheriff’s Office. A contractual agreement is being developed and reviewed by both parties. This would increase the total number of Deputy FTE, for the Sheriff’s Office and be fully funded by the school district. Discussion held.

Commissioner Haskell made a motion recommending approval of the School Resource Officer contract with Waverly School District and addition of a Deputy position FTE, contingent upon the satisfactory contractual language, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Ridge seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Captain Block reported that the Sheriff's Office had contracted with a media relations company to develop a recruiting website and social media video series campaign. Captain Block also reported his efforts to create a Department Public Relations team to highlight the Sheriff's Office and its special assignments, i.e., Special Response Team, K-9, and various community functions.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes reported that approximately \$512,000 has been billed to the Parole Violator, Diverted Felons, and WRAP state programs. To date \$327,000 in payments has been received. Jail census numbers averaged 48 percent for the month of August.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported that staff participated in the recent Active Violence Training Exercise held at the Grand Ledge High School and National Night Out in Potterville. The use of Curbside SOS for wrecker company communications has been implemented. Attendance at School Safety meetings is continuing.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Manager Wilkinson reported attending a meeting with the Lansing Area Safety Council Executive Director. A tabletop exercise is being planned with Waverly Public Schools, and design and development plans are underway for a Continuity of Operations Tabletop exercise on October 25, 2022.

MISCELLANEOUS

Controller Fuentes reported on vacancies on the Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB), and the recommendation received to appoint; Alicia Wesolek, Brenda Rayle and Colette Scrimger, to the advisory board. Commissioner Haskell moved to recommend the appointments as recommended by the CCAB, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Whitacre seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Chairman Whittum discussed possible changes in emergency medical services at the local level.

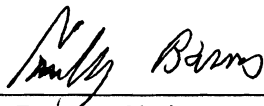
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held October 6, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.



Timothy Barnes, Chairperson