

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Deputy Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Solution Area Planner Rod Sadler, Jennifer Dingman, and Jerri Nesbitt

The September 2, 2021 regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Barnes.

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

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

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Reynnet moved to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Dingman, 10385 Assyria Hwy, Bellevue, MI 49021, appeared before the Committee seeking consideration of a county-wide ORV Ordinance, similar to those adopted in Barry and Clare counties.

MISCELLANEOUS

Controller Fuentes provided an overview of the statute that provides the authority for an ORV ordinance. The statutory procedures, including consultation with the Road Commission and local units of government and public hearing requirements. It was also reported that the Committee considered pursuing an ordinance in early 2020, and took no action. Discussion held. The consensus of the Committee was to consult with the Road Commission and local units to receive input for consideration of an ORV Ordinance at this time.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich highlighted the major incidents that occurred in August 2021.

Controller Fuentes informed the Committee that the Sheriff is interested in offering the Firearm Purchase Program for new employees and those that have not participated previously. This is an opportunity for Deputies to purchase an additional duty firearm through payroll deduction. The program has been used previously. Discussion Held. Commission Haskell made a motion to approve a 2021 Firearm Purchase Program, as discussed. Vice-Chairman Commissioner Ridge seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes presented the monthly boarding revenue and jail census reports. Housing reimbursements appear to be on pace to meet the overall budgeted revenues.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Deputy Director Cunningham reported that Ingham County will be joining the Michigan Public Safety Communication System (MPSCS) this month. Clinton County is expecting to join in January. This will improve inter-agency communications with surrounding counties, as they will all be on the same system. Crouch will be performing preventative maintenance on all radios. The City of Charlotte and the City of Eaton Rapids will be joining the Eaton County RAVE Alerts system.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Solution Area Planner Sadler reported that the Operation Silver Thaw 2021 Exercise is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7, 2021. The Exercise will concentrate on consistency of messaging, resolution of issues, and evaluation of communications. The exercise will simulate an ice storm, including power outages. Discussion held.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:31 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, October 7, 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 Tim Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee