

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioners Tim Barnes, Brian Droscha, Jacob Toomey, Scott Hansen, Mark Mudry, and Frank Holmes

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Jim Mott; Connie Sobie, Sheriff Tom Reich, Sgt. Josh Popa, Kelly Cunningham, Madison Heuer, Ryan Wilkinson, and Jerri Nesbitt

The September 7, 2023, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairperson Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Commissioner Hansen moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the August 3, 2023 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Limited Public Comment: None

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of August, 2023. Recently promoted Sgt. Josh Popa was introduced.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the extension of the WRAP Agreement to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Holmes seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the Maple Valley School Resource Officer Agreement to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the Oneida Township Police Services Agreement to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the Vermontville Village Police Services Agreement to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Reich gave an update on the status of the Mobile Command Unit. Discussion was held.

Central Dispatch Director, Kelley Cunningham presented the department's monthly report. Research continues in finding/obtaining a CAD replacement, as well as working with Technology Services on implementation of the Alertus System. Telecommunicator new hire Madison Heuer was introduced. The Public Relations team attended the Potterville National Night Out event. An update was given in reference to the departments activities during recent severe weather event.

Emergency Services Manager, Ryan Wilkinson presented the department's monthly report. An update was given in reference to responses, timeline, and recovery efforts undertaken as a result of the recent severe weather event that impacted Eaton County.

Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the Emergency Management Program Policy to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.


Commissioner Toomey moved to recommend approval of the Work Agreement for the FEMA EMP Grant to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Manager Wilkinson reported on the status of obtaining local damage assessments as a result of the declared State of Emergency. Discussion was held.

Limited Public Comment: None

Chairperson Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 5, 2023 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813



Timothy Barnes, Chairperson