

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioners Tim Barnes, Wayne Ridge, Mark Mudry, Brian Droscha, Brandon Haskell, Jane Whitacre, and Dairus Reynnet

ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Captain Robert Block, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Telecommunicator Michael Bailkowski, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Community Corrections Director Melanie Achenbach, Sobriety Court Case Manager Peter Klein, Public Defender Timothy Havis, and Jerri Nesbitt

The October 6, 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 Chairman Commissioner Barnes.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

Commissioner Ridge moved to approve the agenda, as presented. Commissioner Haskell seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Whitacre moved to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Controller Fuentes informed the committee that the State announced the availability of a Public Safety Academy Assistance Grant program to assist with hiring and sending an employed recruit to a basic law enforcement training academy. Grants are awarded on a first come first serve basis and cover \$20,000 per academy sponsorship and \$4,000 for salary while the applicant is attending, with no required matching. Agencies can apply for up to a maximum of 25 scholarships. Vice-Chairman Commissioner Ridge made a motion to approve a resolution to approve a grant

application, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes reported that the total billed for State programs was \$625,000, of the total budgeted amount of \$860,000. The number of housed parole violators and MDOC inmates was extremely limited, with WRAP numbers remaining consistent in the 20's. Jail census averaged 48 percent for the month of September.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS/PROBLEM SOLVING COURTS UPDATE

Director Achenbach expressed her thanks for the support shown by the Sheriff's Office, Prosecutor's Office, and the Courts. A review was conducted by the State Court Administrator and the Veterans Court, Adult Circuit Drug Court, Felony Sobriety Court and 56-A District Hybrid Court programs were each certified for another 4 years.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported that Curbside SOS has been implemented for a month. Research has begun for replacement of the CAD system. This project is expected to take up to 2 years. One Telecommunicator is in training and two others will be starting during the month of October. Information cards have been made for citizens and businesses describing RAVE Facility for Businesses, RAVE Alerts, and Smart 9-1-1 for distribution. The Public Relations team is attending Fire Department Open Houses throughout Eaton County. Dispatcher Michael Bailkowski was introduced to the committee. He has been employed with Eaton County Central Dispatch for 18 years.

It was reported that Nathan Nighbert has been named the 2022 9-1-1 Information Technologist of the Year and Director Kelly Cunningham has been named 2022 9-1-1 Dispatch Director of the Year, by Michigan Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials (APCO). Award presentations will take place October 27, 2022.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported that the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Plan is near completion. Due to Homeland Security funding decreasing, the Local Planning Team is being reorganized into a Strategic Work Group to 2023 to more efficiently utilize the remaining grant funding for training and exercise purposes. It was reported that Mr. Wilkinson participated in the Rock-N-Socks tabletop exercise conducted by the Michigan Mortuary Response Team. It was also reported that there is a tabletop exercise scheduled for October 25, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., to test County Continuity of Operations Plans. Committee members were invited to attend.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Cross-Jurisdictional Public Alerting between Calhoun and Eaton Counties was presented for approval. This will enable IPAWS alerts that may cross County borders to be delivered to all intended alert recipients. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the MOU. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

Controller Fuentes reported that he attended a meeting, with Sheriff Reich and the Deputies Unit of the Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) and as a result of the meeting additional information was requested and will be provided for review in the near future. The Command Unit of the POAM has requested to wait until the additional information has been provided before scheduling a date to meet.

Chairman Commissioner Barnes expressed his support and appreciation for passage of House Bills 5569, 5732, and 5772 which provides increased funding for Secondary Road Patrol coverage.

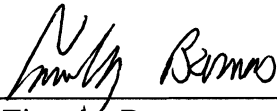
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held at 4:00pm on Thursday, November 3, 2022 in the Board of Commissioners Room of the Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd, Charlotte MI 48813.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee