

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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, and Commissioner Darius Reynnet

ABSENT:

Commissioner Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT:

Chairman Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Telecommunicator Nicholas Smith, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Community Corrections Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, and Jerri Nesbitt

The November 3, 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

Controller Fuentes asked that an application for a DHS Opioid Response Program Grant be added as item 8a, and the Waverly Community Schools School Resource Officer Agreement included as part of the Sheriff's Office update agenda item. Commissioner Ridge moved to approve the Agenda with changes. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2022 Public Safety Committee Meeting. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights for the month of October, 2022. He also reported on recent situations that occurred simultaneously involving MSP's response to a drive-by shooting and a

Domestic Violence call that the Eaton Rapids Police Department was asked to provide mutual aid outside their jurisdiction, which was delayed while approval was sought.

WAVERLY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT

Controller Fuentes reported that an agreement to provide a School Resource Officer for Waverly Community Schools has been completed and reviewed by the Sheriff and County. The proposed contract staffing of the position would be through Sheriff's Office and would add an FTE to increase personnel expenditures and be offset by the contractual revenue increase. Discussion held. Commissioner Haskell made a motion recommending approval of the Agreement by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Reynnet seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes reported that housing and MDOC program figures are consistent with the budget through the month of October. Jail census, including the Diverted Felon and WRAP inmate populations remain stable. Overall, jail census for October was 46 percent.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS BYLAWS –

Community Corrections Director Achenbach presented Amendments to the Community Corrections bylaws as recommended by the advisory board. The amendments outline specific membership which was previously defined in PA 511. Discussion held. Commissioner Mudry made a motion to recommend approval of the Amendments to the Bylaws, to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

STATE OPIOID PROGRAM GRANT

Community Corrections Coordinator Achenbach explained that DHS has grant funds for available eligible Adult Drug Courts. Currently, participants can stay for 4 months in transitional housing funded by the Drug Court grant. Community Corrections is seeking additional funding through the State Opioid Response Program. If approved, grant funds would be used to fund two additional months transition housing. No matching funds are required. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve application for the grant funds. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported participation in a recent Eaton County Continuity of Operations Tabletop Exercise. Computer-aided Dispatch (CAD) system demonstrations are continuing to identify possible solutions for a planned upgrade/replacement. An outdoor warning siren repeater has been installed on the Vermontville tower to improve warning capability. An ASAP to PSAP CAD/LEIN connection is now operational to allow alarm companies to send calls directly to CAD. It was reported that the department attended several area Fire Department Open Houses during October and continued informing citizens on the benefits of RAVE Alert and Smart 9-1-1. Telecommunicator Trainee Nicholas Smith was introduced to the committee.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported on the success of the Continuity of Operations Tabletop Exercise. Manager Wilkinson recently earned his Master Exercise Practitioner

designation and has been named Vice President for Region 5 of the International Region of Emergency Managers. Winter weather predictions from the National Weather Service were presented and discussed. Predictions are for a wetter than average winter, however given current water levels, flooding is not expected to be a concern in the County.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Whittum reporting his meeting with the Eaton Rapids City Council and the Eaton Rapids Mayor expressing his concerns with the current Eaton Rapids Police Chief citing incidents that were mishandled by the Eaton Rapids Police Department.

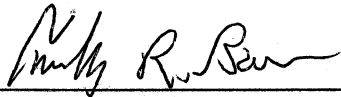
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held December 1, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee