

## **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023**

**4:00 P.M.**

### **MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Scott Hansen, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Frank Holmes, and Commissioner Jacob Toomey

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chairman Jim Mott, Controller John Fuentes, Deputy Controller Connie Sobie, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Captain Chris Kuhlman, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Telecommunicator Jessica Nunham, Community Corrections Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, Public Defender Tim Havis, and Jerri Nesbitt

The January 12, 2023, 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**

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda. Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Vice-Chairman 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 December, 2022. Two cadets have been selected to start in the next few weeks. There are two more applicants in the approval process.

Sheriff Reich discussed ride-alongs are available to Commissioners. Arrangements may be made by contacting Capt. Kuhlman.

#### **CLERK HIRING REQUEST**

Controller Fuentes reported that under the terms of Non-Supervisory union contract when an applicant is requesting to hire in at above the starting pay rate for a position, the bargaining unit may accommodate that request based on prior experience of the applicant, specific to terms of the contract. The determination is to be made by the Public Safety Committee. Sheriff Reich requested the candidate for Records Clerk begin at the two-year step of the Clerk salary schedule. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS**

Controller Fuentes provided information for the Committee regarding the Sheriff's Office reporting. Jail census averaged 41 percent, which is not uncommon during the holidays.

## **CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE**

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham provided a brief explanation of the Central Dispatch Monthly Report. She indicated there are two Telecommunicators in training and one current vacancy. Director Cunningham discussed that on January 10, 2023, at approximately 3:18 PM, Eaton County Central Dispatch lost connectivity to the 9-1-1 phone network. This outage affected most 9-1-1 centers in Michigan because the majority of 9-1-1 centers utilize a single internet service provider for 9-1-1 network services. This caused Eaton County 9-1-1 calls to be routed to Ingham County 9-1-1 for a short period of time. Once the service provider isolated the network issue, Eaton County 9-1-1 calls were routed back to Eaton County's 9-1-1 Center. January 11th, 2023, at approximately 10:30 am, the network repairs were completed, and the network was back to normal operations. A vendor outage report will be forthcoming. Telecommunicator Supervisor Jessica Nunham was introduced. Ms. Nunham has been employed with Central Dispatch for 10 years and is a co-leader for the Public Relations team which schedules Central Dispatch personnel attendance at parades and events. Director Cunningham reviewed the 2022 Annual Central Dispatch report which will be provided via email to the Board of Commissioners.

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE**

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported on goals for 2023, including review of the Emergency Operations Plan, a Memorandum of Understanding with Calhoun to send alerts across their borders, and upcoming training focusing on large scale operations. Exercise requirements have been completed for this fiscal year. Mr. Wilkinson will meet with Chairman Mott and Controller Sobie regarding Public Act 390 focusing on expectations for the Emergency Operations Center procedures.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Chairman Commissioner Barnes welcomed new Commissioners and Committee Members Scott Hansen, Frank Holmes, and Jacob Toomey. He discussed meeting with Sheriff Reich in order to receive updates regarding retention and recruitment goals and assistance.

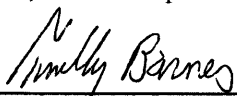
## **LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held February 2, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners Room located at the Eaton County Courthouse, 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813



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Commissioner Timothy Barnes  
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee