

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Controller Connie Sobie, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Captain Robert Block, Deputy Joshua Turner and K-9 Tank, Deputy Shelby Studley and K-9 Roscoe, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Telecommunicator Katie Hennessey, Community Corrections Coordinator Melanie Achenbach, Deputy Circuit Court Administrator Kathy Brooks, and Jerri Nesbitt

The February 2, 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 Droscha.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There were no additions or changes to the Agenda. Agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the Minutes of the January 12, 2023, Public Safety Meeting. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Undersheriff Cook reported the highlights for the month of January, 2023. Captain Robert Block introduced himself to the committee and extended an open invitation to the members to do a ride-along at their convenience. Deputy Shelby Studley introduced herself and her partner of 2 years, K-9 Roscoe. K-9 Roscoe is a 3-year-old German Shepherd from Hungary. He is an explosives/tracking K-9 used extensively for article and building searches and tracking. Deputy Joshua Turner introduced himself and his partner of nearly 6 years, K-9 Tank. K-9 Tank is a 7-year-old German Shepherd specializing in narcotics and tracking and is used extensively for vehicle, building, and school searches. Both K-9 teams are on-call 24/7.

HIRING REQUEST – PART-TIME CORRECTIONS DEPUTY

Controller Sobie reported that there is a current need in the jail for Corrections Deputies and reported the Municipal Employees Retirement System waived the number of hours a rehired retiree is limited to

work. Retired Road Patrol Deputy Ryan Wright has expressed an interest in working part-time in the jail. Chairman Commissioner Barnes moved to forward to Ways and Means requesting approval. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Sobie expressed her intention to present the monthly reports on a quarterly basis.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported continuing work on finding a CAD replacement. The annual Telecommunicator Meeting was recently held maintaining an open dialogue with Dispatch, Police, Fire and EMS. Deputy Director D'Huyvetter conducted Public Safety Communication System End User Training. The reason for the recent 9-1-1 outage was explained as work being done on a fiber wasn't active causing a looping of data. Upgrades to the system by the vendor have been started at a cost of \$6,000,000.

FTE REQUEST – PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR

Director Cunningham provided a detailed explanation for a request to add one FTE Public Safety Telecommunicator to maintain adequate staffing levels. Chairman Commissioner Barnes moved to recommend approval to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Services Manager Wilkinson reported the Tri-County Hazardous Mitigation Plan has been submitted to FEMA and approval is expected in thirty days. Formal review of the Emergency Operations Plan starts shortly. An Incident Command System (ICS) Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Interface Course was held recently with twenty-two in attendance. A scaled back Emergency Services exercise is being planned with Charlotte Public Schools to include a larger number of personnel. Applications are being accepted for a summer paid internship position. Applicants must reside in Michigan, be in an Undergraduate or Graduate program, and have excellent writing and communication skills.

MISCELLANEOUS

Chairman Commissioner Barnes asked to be approached with anything the committee can do to assist the public safety community. Chairman Commissioner congratulated the 2022 Sheriff's Office award recipients.

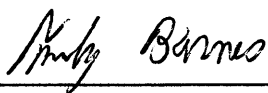
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held March 2, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee