

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Wayne Ridge, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Brian Droscha, and Commissioner Dairus Reynnet

ABSENT: Commissioner Jane Whitacre

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Jeremy Whittum, Controller John Fuentes, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Captain Chris Kuhlman, Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Deputy Dispatch Director Francis D'Huyvetter, Public Defender Timothy Havis, Solution Area Planner Rod Sadler, and Jerri Nesbitt

The February 3, 2022, regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Barnes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all, led by Commissioner Barnes.

AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Reynnet seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

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

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Undersheriff Cook highlighted the major incidents that occurred in January 2022.

PRIVATE GRANT APPLICATION

Chief Deputy Morris requested approval for the Sheriff's Office to apply for a grant through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation in the amount of \$20,000. If awarded, the funds would be used for scuba gear for new members of the Tri-County Dive Team. Commissioner Droscha

made a motion to recommend approval to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chief Deputy Morris updated the committee on progress made in researching the possibility of purchasing a Mobile Command Unit through The Shyft Group to be used during critical incidents throughout Eaton County. A conference call was conducted and a meeting is being scheduled with The Shyft Group offices. Discussion Held.

JAIL AND YOUTH FACILITY SECURITY SYSTEM PROJECT

Controller Fuentes reported that contracts have been approved and executed. A project kick-off meeting is being scheduled for February.

MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes reported that the monthly jail census remains lower than historically expected. Efforts continue to offer housing to MDOC inmates. There were no unusual incidents to report from court security.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Cunningham reported that the mobile radio update project has been delayed due to the affects of the COVID pandemic on staffing. A School Safety Meeting was held with local first responders and school superintendents with the goal of making schools safer. Topics covered to improve safety and response included; giving access to all cameras to Central Dispatch and in the vehicles of first responders, referencing classrooms by room number as opposed to by teacher's name, and training on the utilization of the Rave Panic Button System.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Solution Area Planner Rod Sadler presented the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant and the Homeland Security Grant applications. Commissioner Droscha made a motion to approve the resolutions to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Hazardous Mitigation Plan update survey results were presented with approximately 270 responses being received. The Capabilities Assessment was held with 10 communities participating. Approval by FEMA is anticipated in October 2022.

PUBLIC DEFENDER UPDATE

Public Defender Administrator Havis provided an update on the pending approval of the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (MIDC) Standards 6 and 7, which is expected by the end of this year. The Eaton County Public Defender's office is operating within the normal range of Standard 6 - Workload Standard, which would not be expected to impact current staffing levels. Standard 7 – Qualification and Review Standard, establishes education and training requirements. It was reported that the County's current compliance plan exceeds the minimums required in the standard.

MISCELLANEOUS

Controller Fuentes reminded the committee of the ORV Ordinance Public Hearing on February 16th at the Board of Commissioners Meeting.

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 March 3, 2022,
at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Tim Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee