

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2023

4:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Brandon Haskell

ALSO PRESENT: Chairman Jim Mott, Controller Connie Sobie, Sheriff Tom Reich, PST Supervisor Elizabeth Howland, Dispatch Director Kelley Cunningham, Emergency Services Manager Ryan Wilkinson, Intern Megan Blair.

The May 4, 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

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Droscha moved to approve the April 6, 2023 minutes, Public Safety Meeting. Commissioner Hansen seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE

Sheriff Reich reported the highlights of major incidents during the month of April.

QUARTERLY REPORTS

Controller Sobie provided information regarding the Sheriff's Office financial, jail and security census information.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Director Kelley Cunningham provided a brief explanation of the Central Dispatch monthly report. Ms. Cunningham discussed the National Public Safety Telecommunicator and the annual 911 award ceremony celebrating achievements and provided the list of awards, which were included in the report. Ms. Cunningham detailed a new award that was created to honor former employee, Stacy Lynn Sprouse, who passed away unexpectedly in 2005 while on her way to work. The award was created with the assistance of her family and encompasses customer service above and beyond and distinguished character. Ms. Cunningham gave information about

Stacy's story as provided by family and friends. The award was given to Supervisor Elizabeth (Libby) Howland and Director Cunningham provided details on the exceptional service provided by Libby.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Emergency Manager Ryan Wilkinson introduced the new Emergency Services intern, Megan Blair, who will be working through the end of July. Ms. Blair provided background of her education and how this opportunity will have an impact on her future endeavors.

Mr. Wilkson provided an update on project management including assisting Bellevue and Grand Ledge Community schools with revamping their emergency operations plans for each of the buildings within their districts through a comprehensive planning process.

Mr. Wilkinson presented a request for an Emergency Management Specialist and provided background information related to the current part-time Regional Planner, Rod Sadler, who is planning to retire in September. The Regional Planner is restricted to projects that have a nexus to terrorism, so the scope of assistance that position is able to provide to the County or the Region is narrow under the current Homeland Security Grant funding source. Mr. Wilkinson presented detailed information related to the request for the addition of a full-time Emergency Management Specialist and the responsibilities to be assigned to the position as well as the importance to emergency management operations throughout Eaton County. Statements of support for the position were provided by school superintendents, American Red Cross, regional emergency managers, Michigan State University, Chiefs of Police, and local school resource officers and the Drain Commissioner's Office. Discussion held.

Chairman Barnes moved to recommend the addition of an Emergency Management Specialist to the Ways and Means Committee for consideration. Commissioner Toomey seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

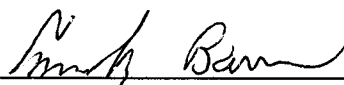
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held June 1, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.



Commissioner Timothy Barnes
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee