

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**MAY 6, 2021**

**4:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman Commissioner Tim Barnes, Vice-Chairman Commissioner Wayne Ridge, Commissioner Brian Droscha, Commissioner Brandon Haskell, Commissioner Mark Mudry, Commissioner Dairus Reynnet and Commissioner Jane Whitacre

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Chief Deputy Adam Morris, Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd, Dispatch Director Michael Armitage, Emergency Management Planner Rod Sadler, and Jerri Nesbitt

The Public Safety Committee met in virtual session on May 6, 2021, as permitted by PA 228 of 2020, as amended and the local declaration of emergency declared by Eaton County, April 21, 2021. The members made an announcement of the location from which they are attending remotely as follows:

Commissioner Barnes, Eaton County Courthouse Board Room, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Ridge, Eaton County Courthouse Board Room, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Reynnet, their residence in the Village of Dimondale, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Haskell, their residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Droscha, Eaton County Courthouse Board Room, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Whitacre, their residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, MI  
Commissioner Mudry, their residence in Delta Township, Eaton County, MI

Chairperson Barnes called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES –**

There were no additions or changes to the agenda. Commissioner Ridge moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Droscha seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES –**

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2021.  
Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT –

None

#### CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER BARNES –

Chairman Barnes opened the meeting recognizing National Correctional Officers Week and National Police Week. He extended thanks Sheriff Reich for inviting him to the annual recognition BBQ he attended and expressed appreciation for the time and service of the Corrections and Road Patrol Deputies.

#### SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE –

Sheriff Reich opened by thanking Chairman Whittum for his generous donation of desserts for the annual BBQ held in recognition of National Correctional Officers Week. They were very much appreciated and well received. Sheriff Reich highlighted the major incidents that occurred in April, 2021.

Chief Deputy Morris informed the committee that contract negotiations have begun with Axon regarding the expiration of the Axon Body Worn Camera contract in 17 months. A quote was requested and received for 26 additional body worn cameras to fully equip Corrections Deputies at a cost of \$55,000 through the end of the current contract. Currently, Corrections is utilizing six body worn cameras. The Sheriff is requesting to transfer funds from the Commissary for the additional cameras and licensing fees through the remainder of the current fiscal year. Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha moved to recommend approval of the request to the Ways and Means Committee. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS –

Controller Fuentes presented the monthly boarding revenue, courthouse security, and jail census reports. Census numbers averaged 172 and are slightly higher. Court Security and Youth Facility report numbers decreased slightly due to Jury trials being suspended until the end of May.

#### CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT -

Prosecuting Attorney Doug Lloyd reported on submission to receive a grant allocation available through the Department of Justice in support of funding available in the amount of \$50,000 for

460 hours of contractual labor by the end of the year to assist with the backlog of cases. Discussion held. Commissioner Droscha made a motion recommending approval to the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Haskell seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE –

Central Dispatch Director Armitage reported call volume increased slightly for the month of April. Virtual training is continuing. Two Telecommunicators will be starting soon. Participated in the Parade in recognition of National Health Care Workers week. It was reported that the 9-1-1 Enabling contract was extended. Director Armitage is participating in a workgroup to develop proposed legislative changes to the 9-1-1 Enabling Act for the legislature to consider taking up.

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE –

Emergency Services report was submitted by Emergency Services Planner Rod Sadler. Logistical support for the Barry-Eaton District Health Department vaccination efforts, continues to be provided. Congratulations was extended to Emergency Services Coordinator Ryan Wilkinson for his completion of the Naval Post Homeland Security Emergence Program.

MISCELLANEOUS –

None.

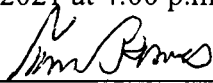
LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT –

None.

ADJOURNMENT –

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

  
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Commissioner Tim Barnes  
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee