

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 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, and Commissioner Dairus Reynnet

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Jane Whitacre

**ALSO PRESENT:** Chairman Jeremy Whittum; Controller John Fuentes, Sheriff Tom Reich, Undersheriff Jeff Cook, Dispatch Director Michael Armitage, Deputy Dispatch Director Kelly Cunningham, Solution Area Planner Rod Sadler, and Jerri Nesbitt

The August 5, 2021 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 Haskell.

**AGENDA ADDITIONS AND CHANGES**

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

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Commissioner Haskell moved to approve the Minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Mudry seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE UPDATE**

Sheriff Reich highlighted the major incidents that occurred in July, 2021.

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING TRAFFIC SAFETY ENFORCEMENT GRANT APPLICATION**

The Sheriff's Office is seeking to continue to participate in this annual grant program. The grant funds overtime expenditures during two specific enforcement periods. No matching funds are required.

#### RESOLUTION TO APPROVE BYRNE MEMORIAL RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT) GRANT APPLICATION

This grant is a continuation funding request grant in the amount of \$200,000 to operate the substance abuse treatment program in the jail. The required 25 percent match is incorporated into the current proposed budget in anticipation of approval of the grant continuation.

Commissioner Droscha made a motion recommending approval of both grant applications. Commissioner Mudry seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

#### MONTHLY REPORTS

Controller Fuentes presented the monthly boarding revenue and jail census reports. Housing reimbursements are on pace to meet the budgeted revenues. Census numbers for the WRAP program remain consistent at an average 34. MDOC was down but is expected to increase in the near future. Total census for the month averaged 203 and has begun to increase.

#### CENTRAL DISPATCH UPDATE

Central Dispatch Director Armitage reported call volumes back to average for the month of July. Three new Telecommunicators are in training and there is presently one vacancy. A short-term Letter of Understanding was written allowing two recent retirees to return for a temporary period, in a part-time capacity, to provide additional staffing flexibility due to the higher than normal number of employees currently in the training program.. The Central Dispatch Communications Trailer was staged at the Eaton Rapids 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Olivet Fireman's Day Parade festivities.

Central Dispatch Director Armitage reported for the committee's information that a presentation on Curbside SOS was given at the last Law Enforcement Committee Meeting. This is an online portal managing dispatching of tow services. It also supplies ETA updates. Discussion held. No action is recommended at this time.

#### EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

Solution Area Planner Sadler reported that on August 11, 2021, at 2:20 p.m. there will be a nationwide Emergency Alert and Wireless Emergency Alert test conducted. The Wireless Emergency Alert portion of the test will be directed only to consumer cell phones where the subscriber has opted-in to receive test messages.

The Local Planning Team is seeking approval to use funds to pay for registrations to the Active Violence Assailant Training Conference. Funds would be used for the pre-conference and general conference registrations only, not lodging or meals. Commissioner Haskell made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Local Planning Team for the use of these budgeted grant funds. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

RAIL SAFETY WEEK PROCLAMATION REQUEST

Controller Fuentes received a request from Canadian National Railroad for the Eaton County Board of Commissioners to consider adopting a resolution recognizing National Rail Safety Week, the third week of September each year, this year being September 20-26, 2021. Commissioner Reynnet made a motion to approve the proclamation by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Droscha seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Commissioner Barnes adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Room of the County Courthouse located at 1045 Independence Blvd., Charlotte, MI 48813.



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Commissioner Tim Barnes  
Chairperson, Public Safety Committee