

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 2, 2022

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting to order on February 2, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, Marilyn Schuh, Joe Mueller, and Ken Irwin

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Wiegert, Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, Lt. Eric Volland, Emergency Manager Bernie Sorenson, and County Administrator Todd Romenesko

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Schuh, to approve the Agenda for the 02/02/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Irwin, to approve the Minutes of the 11/03/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Building Update. Sheriff Wiegert indicated there are some minor issues with the plumbing in the jail and some electrical things but overall everything is working well.
- 2) Hiring Update. Sheriff Wiegert reported the jail has an open fulltime male correction position, a fulltime female correction position, and two open part-time male correction positions. A background check is currently being conducted for the open fulltime male correction position. For dispatch, there are two open casual positions with interviews being held today.

- 3) Discussion on Sign-On/Retention Bonuses. County Administrator Romenesko indicated he has been listening to department heads and their concerns to get people in the door and to retain employees. The implementation of sign-on bonuses and referral bonuses was discussed and the details of what those bonuses may be.
- 4) COVID Update. Sheriff Wiegert reported a wave of COVID went through dispatch, patrol, and the jail in December, early January. Currently, everything is good. For the time being, mandatory masking has been implemented in the jail.
- 5) Drone Program Update. Sheriff Wiegert reported interviews were held last week for three drone pilots. The appointment of those individuals will be announced next week. Training will be held at the end of the month with the program to be up and running in March.
- 6) Discussion on Employee Evaluations. Sheriff Wiegert indicated employee evaluations are currently being conducted in the department. Supervisors have already gone through the evaluation. The evaluation forms were then modified to fit the whole department and sent to patrol, with the jail and dispatch to follow. Lt. Voland stated supervisors are assigned five to seven employees to review and discuss with them areas in which they are doing well, areas for improvement, and also short-term and long-term goals.
- 7) Discussion on Proposed Recruit School Program. Sheriff Wiegert reported a Resolution Creating 1.0 FTE Recruit Officer Position in the Sheriff's Office went to Administrative Services Committee yesterday. The need for this resolution and the position description for the recruit officer were discussed.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland gave the 2021 incident summary. He noted there were 1,000 more traffic stops in 2021 than in 2020 due in part to COVID and the pro-activeness of the new deputies on the road. OWI arrests were also up in 2021.

Lt. Voland demonstrated the TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer, which the department obtained through the award of a Drug Trafficking Response Grant. Special Inv. Klug is being trained on the use of the analyzer and he in turn will be conducting the department training for all the deputies.

C. Chief Deputy (Jail):

- 1) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bowe stated there are currently 36 inmates in lockup, two of which are females, and 26 on GPS. No one is on Huber because of COVID. One person came into the jail with COVID and was placed in the negative air cell and is currently recovered.
- 2) Discussion On Start Programming for Inmates. Sheriff Wiegert reported he is meeting tomorrow with Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC). FVTC will provide us with three hours of training a week starting with employability skills and expanding into the GED programs and other areas. AA counseling will be brought back this month. Advised the jail has a 24 hour contract with Advanced Correctional Healthcare for physical health and mental health and mental health wants to start a program for anger management.
- 3) Discussion and Possible Action on Ordinance No. 38-1 Jail Fees. The current fees for inmate charges were reviewed and will remain the same for 2022. Sheriff Wiegert indicated the statutes allow the sheriff to charge municipalities when bringing in a subject on a warrant. A \$50.00 per day fee was proposed for housing any outside agency's inmates (safekeepers). Connors so moved, seconded by Irwin. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Emergency Manager:

- 1) Calumet County Emergency Response Plan (ERP) Development. Emergency Manager Sorenson advised he is currently working on updating the ERP. He is working with a vendor and they are in the process of converting the existing plan to a new format to correspond with the state and federal plans. Once this is completed, he will bring the plan to the committee for approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2022, or as needed

At 9:48 AM, the tour of the new Evidence Room and storage facility was conducted.

At 10:24 AM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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