

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 6, 2022

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on July 6, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, Scott Handschke, Tom Stoffel, and Joe Mueller

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

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Stoffel, to approve the Agenda for the 07/06/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Minutes of the 06/01/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: Sheriff Wiegert shared a letter he received from the Circuit Court Judges regarding courtroom security.

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Drone Update. Sheriff Wiegert indicated since going live with the drone there have been four calls where it has been utilized, one at High Cliff State Park for an attempt to locate, one at the Silver Spur where a person fled on foot, a boat rescue on Lake Winnebago, and an assist with the City of Brillion for someone who fled from the officer. Wiegert indicated the drone is also available to all fire departments for search and rescue or investigations.

Connors mentioned she received communications from WCA regarding drones and where they are manufactured and there are now some concerns at the statewide and national levels that drones manufactured out of China are filtering information they can get from the drones. Wiegert was aware of this but felt

there was nothing to be gleaned from our drone based on what it is being used for in our department.

- 2) Boat Patrol Update. Sheriff Wiegert stated there are a lot of mechanical issues with the boat. The boat has been at Horn Ford at least four times this year for repairs; however, we should have enough hours in and enough contacts to receive reimbursement from the DNR. We hope to receive the new boat in August and it should be available for usage next year.
- 3) Hiring Update. Sheriff Wiegert indicated the correctional facility is currently down two males and three females and patrol staff is down one officer. One female correctional officer tendered her resignation and will be going to Winnebago County and another female correctional officer is leaving for law school. There currently are tentative offers out to one male correctional officer and one female correctional officer pending background checks. The job climate and ways to become more competitive were discussed.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland shared the first and second quarter incident summaries for 2022. There have been about 3,000 calls for service. Voland noted traffic stops increased in the second quarter, which is indicative of summer and more people being out and about and due to traffic or drug interdiction last month. Also, fraud complaints were up in the second quarter.

Lt. Voland then discussed training. He noted all deputies are required by the state to have 24 hours of training in a calendar year, which runs from July to June. He was happy to note our department's average was over 50 hours of training in a year. The department places an emphasis on training, as a well trained deputy translates to better job performance and better decision making. Voland then shared two recent incidents in which training paid off.

C. Chief Deputy (Jail):

- 1) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bowe stated there are currently 50 inmates; 23 in lockup – 4 females and 19 males, 11 sentenced inmates – 1 female and 10 males, and 16 on GPS.

Sheriff Wiegert reported on some issues in the jail. There have been some computer glitches in the control pad, ongoing issues in the special ops rooms with windows, and cracking in the upper deck floors.

D. Medical Examiner

- 1) Update to Strategic Plan. Sheriff Wiegert addressed Medical Examiner Michael Klaeser's Strategic Plan Update for 2022, which had been provided to the committee members.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2022, or as needed.

At 9:25 AM, Chairperson Stier declared the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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