

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 5, 2021

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on May 5, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

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

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

Others Present: Mary Schwalenberg, Deputy Kenneth R. Matuszak and K-9 Alek

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Schuh, to approve the Agenda for the 05/05/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Irwin, to approve the Minutes of the 03/10/21 and 04/14/21 meetings. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: Stier indicated he posted photos of K-9 Alek on the Village of Harrison's website.

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) K-9 #2 Update/Meet Handler and New Dog. Sheriff Wiegert introduced K-9 Alek and his handler, Deputy Kenneth R. Matuszak. Wiegert provided some background information about Alek and that Alek had developed a mucus gland problem for which surgery was required. Alek is fully recovered and will be back on duty Thursday. Alek is a dual purpose dog, able to be used for drug detection and tracking.
- 2) Update on Phone Outage from 04/22/21. Sheriff Wiegert advised there was a 24 hour phone outage on 04/22/21, which was due to a fiber optic line being cut in the southern part of the state. During the outage, all calls were transferred to Manitowoc County. Wiegert advised the department is currently

working on having all calls transferred to Outagamie County in the event of a phone outage and starting next week, all calls will be automatically going to Outagamie County.

- 3) Construction Update. Sheriff Wiegert provided a law enforcement center construction update. The terrazzo lobby floor is finished, security ceiling is being installed, electrical switches, receptacles and lighting are being installed, and plumbing fixtures are being installed. Wiegert also noted as part of the court house projects, we are working with the City of Chilton in replacing sewer and water lines that tie into the courthouse and adding an additional boiler to give backup to the current boiler system in the old part of the building.
- 4) Discussion regarding Open House for Law Enforcement Center. Having an open house at the end of July was discussed and planning is currently in the works. Connors suggested providing a handout with pertinent information to those attending the open house.
- 5) COVID Update. The sheriff's office continues to assist with the vaccination clinic at St. Martin's Church. We have been successful in keeping COVID out of the jail, which Sheriff Wiegert noted was a credit to the staff—the extra cleaning and screening being done. It was estimated 50 percent of the sheriff's office staff have received the COVID vaccination.
- 6) Staffing Update. There are still two fulltime female correctional officer positions to fill, however, are meeting today with one prospective female.
- 7) Dispatch Report. It was noted from 2019-2020 the number of calls fell and this was due to COVID. We are currently fully staffed in the dispatch center.
- 8) Jail Report. With regard to the jail population, there are currently 70 inmates, with 11 being housed in Green Lake, 2 in Winnebago, 33 on electronic monitoring, and the rest are in our facility. One of our inmates died at Green Lake over the weekend. An investigation is underway by Winnebago County.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland indicated Deputy Nate Hersil has completed one-third of his deputy training. With regard to the mailbox/identify thefts that have been occurring, there are now eight people in custody and one still at large. The department is providing the City of New Holstein police services until June 1st and we are filling in gaps where needed. On 04/19/21, there was a K-9 sweep through the schools in Calumet County and we were assisted by a Sheboygan deputy and a Menasha deputy.

Closed Session:

A. NHPD Contract Negotiation:

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Schuh, to go into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session for competitive bargaining reasons. Roll call vote was taken and motion carried unanimously.

At 9:50 AM, a motion was made by Connors, seconded by Irwin, to return to open session.

At 9:51 AM, a motion was made by Connors, seconded by Irwin, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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