

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 2, 2023

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on August 2, 2023, at 8:30 AM.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Brett Bowe, Chief Deputy Derek Bries, Public Safety Administrative Manager Tony Lodel, County Administrator Todd Romenesko, and Emergency Manager Bernie Sorenson

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Stoffel, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Agenda for the 08/02/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Minutes of the 06/21/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: None

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Items for Action or Discussion:

- A. Budget Discussion: The capital improvement projects were presented and discussed for the upcoming budget year to include vehicle replacement, furniture replacement, taser replacements, radar unit replacements in the patrol squads, Chilton tower generator move, mobile radio replacements/upgrades, Flock Camera System, and Emergency Command Post.

Chief Deputy Bries expanded on the Flock Camera System, which are cameras that can be placed in the right-of-way on roadways that can read rear license plates of vehicles, which are stored in the system for 30 days. Bries advised he has talked to the Chilton, Brillion, and New Holstein police chiefs to see if they have an interest in making this a group county effort. We would have cameras capturing traffic coming

into the county. Bries advised there would be a contract with Flock and the cost is \$3,000.00 per camera. This fee includes maintenance and upgrades. There would also be installation fees based on how the cameras are set up. We are looking at purchasing 12 cameras.

Emergency Manager Sorenson shared the two options being considered to replace the existing command trailer with a new unit. One option is a 24 foot trailer, and the other option is a van, at a cost between \$90,000.00 to \$95,000.00, once it is built out to our specifications, without electronics.

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Hiring Update. Sheriff Bowe advised there are currently three training in the jail, which puts them up to full staff, however, recruiting for casuals is ongoing, as they are down to one casual employee. Patrol, one is currently in the academy, one is scheduled to start in the academy next week, one correctional officer will be starting the academy in December, and one female was interviewed and the sheriff's office will be conducting a background check. Dispatch, one person was interviewed last week and the sheriff's office was in the process of doing a background check but was just advised that person has pulled out.
- 2) Jail Report. Sheriff Bowe gave the jail report on behalf of Lt. Hoerning. He shared the revenue through June. Bowe then advised the average daily jail population in July was 46, consisting of 40 males and six females. Today's jail population is at 40 inmates, consisting of 33 males and seven females. Six inmates are on GPS.

B. Chief Deputy:

- 1) Patrol Report. Chief Deputy Bries provided the overall incident summary for June and July of 2023. Calls were up by 130 over the April – May timeframe. The arrest information for June and July was also shared.

Chief Deputy Bries shared that Deputy Brian Reedy was promoted to the court security position and started in that role last week. Deputy Jeremy Hawkins was appointed as the Kimberly School District Police School Liaison Officer starting in September. Also, the MEG Unit officer is temporarily coming back to work patrol starting in September.

- 2) Flock Camera System Project. See above under Budget Discussion.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2023, or as needed.

At 9:49 AM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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