

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 1, 2023

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on February 1, 2023, at 8:30 AM.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Brett Bowe, Chief Deputy Derek Bries, Lt. Eric Volland, Lt. Julie Hoerning and Public Safety Administrative Manager Tony Lodel

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Handschke, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Agenda for the 02/01/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Stoffel, to approve the Minutes of the 01/04/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Hiring. Sheriff Bowe introduced some of his staff present at the meeting, Lt. Eric Volland, Chief Deputy Derek Bries, Jail Administrator/Lt. Julie Hoerning and Public Safety Administrative Manager Tony Lodel.

Sheriff Bowe indicated a background check has been completed on a female for a fulltime correctional officer position. We are now waiting on psychological and medical to come through before having her start. A position for a part-time female correctional officer has just been posted. Currently the jail is short three fulltime females and one fulltime male. Backgrounds checks are currently being conducted on three males.

Chief Deputy Bries, who is part of the drone program, brought in a drone that was purchased that can be used to go into buildings. The drone the department currently has is bigger and does not have the capabilities to go into buildings. The drone just purchased is much smaller, prop guards and aftermarket lighting were added, and it can now be used to go into a residential setting or building. The drone team will be doing a training on 02/06/23 in a house with this drone.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland shared a breakdown of some of the incidents that occurred this past year in comparison to 2021. Traffic stops were up, along with the warnings issued, but the number of citations were down. Ordinance citations issued were up and those could include underage drinking, disorderly conduct, littering, curfew violations, etc. Accidents were up, to include injury accidents and fatal accidents. First offense Operating While Under the Influence arrests were down but the numbers for repeat offenders were pretty consistent with 2021. Emergency commitments were about the same but it was noted these situations can be dangerous and are extremely time consuming for the deputies. Domestic abuse arrests increased in 2022. It was noted not only are arrests made in domestic situations but the deputies are responsive to help meet the needs of the victims and put them in touch with resources to help ensure their safety.

C. Jail Administrator:

- 1) Jail Report. Lt. Hoerning shared the Average Daily Population Report for January. Currently there are 57 inmates. Of those 57 inmates, 11 are on GPS, 5 are females, 41 are males, and 5 are on Huber.

The Calumet County Jail Revenue for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021 from commissary and phones was presented. For 2022, the revenue generated in the jail was from inmate canteen, phone, video visitation, email, and text messaging. The revenue generated for 2022 was approximately \$41,000.00, which goes into a general fund.

D. Medical Examiner:

- 1) Staffing Update. Medical Examiner Klaeser's report was provided to the committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2023, or as needed.

At 9:19 AM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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