

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 5, 2023

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on April 5, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Brett Bowe, Chief Deputy Derek Bries, Lt. Julie Hoerning, Lt. Joseph Tenor, Lt. Craig Wendling, Public Safety Administrative Manager Tony Lodel, and Judge Carey Reed

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Amended Agenda for the 04/05/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Public Participation: None

Report of Committee Members: Connors noted the bill for protective status for jailers has passed. Connors also stated she attended the County Mutual National Convention in Florida. She indicated they had considerable break-out sessions and one of them pertained to law enforcement and how to manage bystanders. They had a situation where it could be difficult to handle the public. Connors indicated she will be receiving the workup on that and will pass along when she receives it. Another session was on cybercrimes, which is getting to be very high in the county's claims and is very costly and they are working on a solution of coding and recoding to hopefully cut down on the number of claims.

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Hiring. Sheriff Bowe advised last week interviews were conducted of the 11 internal applicants for the two lieutenant positions and a decision has been

made with the selection of Joseph Tenor and Craig Wendling, who were introduced to the committee.

There will be a posting for the open sergeant position by the end of the week. There is currently an investigative position open with the retirement of Gary Steier. There is currently one patrol position advertised, which there are applicants for.

Dispatcher Taylor Warning has been selected as the new Evidence Technician/Open Records Custodian. With Taylor moving out of dispatch that opens up a fulltime position in dispatch. Michaela Wielder was hired and is currently in training as a casual dispatcher. A conditional offer was given to Seth Barr as a casual dispatcher.

In the jail, there is one female currently in training and she just completed her first month. A second female was made a conditional offer to today. There will be interviews tomorrow and after that there will still be one fulltime male and one fulltime female position open. Two males are currently going through background checks. Also, an offer was made to another female for a casual position. Currently there are no casual males in the jail.

- 2) Discussion on Ordinance No. 38-1 Jail Fees. Sheriff Bowe advised he is asking for no change to the current list of inmate charges for lockup and Huber but he is looking to address possibly charging a fee to the general public for fingerprinting. More information will be gathered before making a decision whether or not to recommend adding a fingerprinting fee.

B. Chief Deputy:

- 1) Patrol Report. Chief Deputy Bries gave an update on the mini drone that was purchased to use for interior searches. It was tested at the old Foremost building and was found to have an internal problem. The drone was shipped back, and the sheriff's office has since received a new one.

The new patrol boat purchased is at the Two Rivers Marina where they are working on putting in the radio equipment. Plan to start training with the new patrol boat in May. The old boat is to be sold.

Chief Deputy Bries advised the sheriff's office is currently working on a contract with the Town of Woodville. Woodville has some ordinances they want the sheriff's office to enforce and in order to do that we have to contract with them. The contract has started and will ultimately be 10 hours a month.

Chief Deputy Bries gave an update as to the armored vehicle. Bries advised he has been in contact with Lenco and BATT, vendors for armored vehicles. Lenco has a 2008 Gen2 vehicle coming in, in the near future, and then later in the summer a Gen3 vehicle coming in, which is more designed for a rural setting and what the sheriff's office would be interested in. More info to follow as the vehicles become available.

Chief Deputy Bries then shared the Incident Summary for calls in the first quarter of this year, January through March, compared to 2022, along with a map showing where the calls occurred. Overall, there have been 2,884 incidents compared to 2,506 incidents in 2022. A first quarter arrest report was also presented for 2023 compared to 2022. Of note, OWI arrests in 2023 are at 20 compared to 15 in 2022 and drug arrests for 2023 are at 14 compared to 20 in 2022.

C. Jail Administrator:

- 1) Jail Report. Lt. Hoerning shared today's jail population is 58 inmates. Of those 58, 24 are sentenced inmates, 11 of those 24 are out on electronic monitoring, and 34 are in lockup status.

Lt. Hoerning reported she recently was on an Adult Education Incarcerated Populations Advisory Committee through Fox Valley Tech and was able to communicate with William Rogers from the Fox Valley Workforce Development Board and he sent over an MOU that we are asked to work with him and a teacher from Fox Valley. It helps find work, housing and rides for our inmates to successfully reenter and reacclimate back into society.

Sheriff Bowe presented the Calumet County Correctional Facility Revenue for the first quarter of 2023.

D. Public Safety Administrative Manager

- 1) Application Specialist Position. Tony Lodel expressed the need for a backup person for this position to help cover afterhours and vacations. Since he has been with the sheriff's office, he has also assumed the role of Public Safety Administrative Manager. He advised as part of the budget next year the sheriff's office may be proposing another position or bringing back the position that was previously approved.
- 2) Remote Back-up Site for Dispatch Center. Tony Lodel informed the committee that the dispatch back-up center room designed off of EOC is not a secure location and does not meet the State's criteria so a permanent workstation cannot be left in there. Lodel said the sheriff's office is possibly looking into a

remote mobile dispatch, which could be set up in that room or in the command post when needed. Lodel advised the sheriff's office may be budgeting for this in the future.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2023, or as needed.

At 2:05 PM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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