

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 7, 2022

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on September 7, 2022, at 8:30 AM.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Wiegert, Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, Lt. Eric Volland, County Administrator Todd Romenesko, Judge Carey Reed, Clerk of Courts Connie Daun, and Chief Deputy Clerk of Courts LeAnne Karls

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Handschke, seconded by Stoffel, to approve the Agenda for the 09/07/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Stoffel, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Minutes of the 07/06/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: Handschke shared his experience with partaking in a ride-along with Deputy Chad Hederer of the Calumet County Sheriff's Office. He thanked the deputies for all they do and encouraged other supervisors to do a ride-along.

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Clerk of Courts

- 1) Introduction of New Incoming Clerk. As Clerk of Courts Daun is retiring at the end of the year, she introduced LeAnne Karls, who is running in the November election for the Clerk of Courts position.

B. Sheriff:

- 1) Sheriff's Office Budget Review. Sheriff's Wiegert reviewed some of the larger budgetary items for 2023, which included CAD RMS update, replacement of armored vehicle, and a new position for courtroom security.

- a) New Position Request. Judge Carey Reed then spoke on behalf of the court systems advocating for a fulltime security position for the courts and courthouse. Further meetings/discussions will need to be held to address this request.
- 2) Jail Programming Update. Sheriff Wiegert spoke of the programming that is being conducted in the correctional facility. Fox Valley Technical College is coming in six hours a week to do programming, bible study is being held on Tuesdays for one hour, AA on Thursdays, ACH, the health provider for the correctional facility, comes in to do mental health appointments for four hours a week, and there is a church service on Sunday mornings.
- 3) Hiring Update. Sheriff Wiegert advised there is one male and one female who were recently hired and are currently going through training in the correctional facility; however, we are still short two females, a fulltime male, and have no casual males in the correctional facility. For patrol, one candidate was interviewed yesterday and an offer will be extended to him, along with conducting the background check. One male will be moving into the open patrol position in October when he finishes his recruit school program.

C. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland noted the sheriff's office had an intern over the summer, Amber Hansen, who is currently attending UW-Stevens Point, and she interned over 200 hours. The sheriff's office also came across an opportunity to enroll Amber as a counselor in READY (Responding to Emergencies and Disasters with Youth) Camp. We also sent a team of three kids from our local community to READY Camp for one week that were interested in these types of careers and experiences and this is a great opportunity to generate interest in these types of careers. We also had taken on some ride-alongs for high school students who were interested in this profession.

The sheriff's office is in the finishing stages of rotating out the squad cars.

Lt. Voland shared the August incident summary. Of note were seven domestic violence incidents. Also to date, there have been two fatal car accidents.

D. Chief Deputy (Jail):

- 1) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bowe stated there are currently 52 total inmates, 10 of which are on GPS, leaving 42 inmates in the jail, five of which are females and 37 males. Of those 37 males, five are on Huber.

Sheriff Wiegert advised yesterday an inmate became upset in the special visiting area, took a chair to the window and cracked it.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2022, or as needed.

At 9:33 AM, Chairperson Stier adjourned the meeting.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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