

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

February 6, 2019

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on February 6, 2019 at 1:02 p.m.

**Members Present:** Supervisors Pete Stier, Joe Mueller, Alice Connors, James Stecker, and Marilyn Schuh

**Staff Present:** Sheriff Mark Wiegert, Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, Emergency Management Coordinator Bernie Sorenson, County Administrator Todd Romenesko, and Medical Examiner Michael Klaeser

**Others Present:** Janet Murphy

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Stecker, to approve the Agenda for the February 6, 2019 meeting and the Minutes of the December 5, 2018 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Participation:** None

**Report of Committee Members:** Connors stated she had just gotten back from attending the Legislative Conference in Madison.

**Communications:** None

**Items for Action or Discussion:**

Discussion and Possible Action on Design Development Timeline for Jail Project: County Administrator Romenesko indicated he and others are continuing to meet with Potter Lawson and Samuels Group on design development for the jail project. Romenesko presented a handout of the meetings to occur and what to be covered and a timeline sheet indicating the timing for the facility.

Romenesko discussed the costs in the timing of the building of the facility and noted the 1.9 million for architect and construction costs in 1919. Romenesko said there is an eight percent inflation cost increase from one year to the next and discussed the possibility of moving construction timing up to this fall and completing the design development by April to receive a guaranteed maximum price. If this were to occur, we could move up borrowing and would ask permission to County Board to do so.

Stecker made a motion for shifting of timeline for jail and courthouse for construction to begin in 2019, which was seconded by Schuh. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Report of Departments:**

### **A. Sheriff:**

- 1) Introduction of New Patrol Lieutenant. Sheriff Wiegert informed the committee Eric Volland is the new patrol lieutenant but he was unable to attend the meeting due to an emergency.
- 2) Discussion on K-9 Funding. Sheriff Wiegert indicated the department has \$39,702.00 in donations so far for a second K-9. Wiegert noted the costs for a K-9 vehicle and equipment is \$70,00.00 to \$75,000.00 alone. Wiegert indicated there may be money in the department budget for carryovers to be put toward the second K-9 and the department will continue to raise money, but in moving forward with next year's budget, he may be asking for some funding for the vehicle.
- 3) Mutual Aid Police Services. Sheriff Wiegert discussed the calling out of other agencies in emergency and non-emergency situations. Wiegert indicated for non-emergency situations the calling out will be curtailed, but in emergency situations, the department will continue to call out. Wiegert stated he has talked to the other police chiefs about this.
- 4) Investigators' Report Concerning Activities for Prior Months. Sheriff Wiegert presented the investigators' report and noted calls were down in January. Wiegert announced the department has received a \$27,000.00 Drug Trafficking Enforcement Grant from the Department of Justice and he is working with County Administrator Romenesko to bring a resolution forward.

**B. Chief Deputy:**

- 1) Patrol Report. Chief Deputy Bowe presented the yearly totals for 2018 for patrol.
- 2) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bowe stated there are currently 59 inmates, with 12 on Huber and 7 working, 9 on GPS and 10 safekeepers.

**C. Emergency Management Coordinator:**

- 1) Update on AlertSense. Emergency Management Coordinator Sorenson indicated the mass communication system he has purchased is AlertSense. He is currently working on getting an E911 agreement with Frontier. Sorenson noted there will be two trainings, one an administrative training with internal users, and one for external public notification with the sheriff's department and dispatch. After that, he will be working on community outreach for this system.
- 2) 03/11/19 Tabletop Exercise. Emergency Management Coordinator Sorenson stated the 03/11/19 tabletop exercise will have a severe weather and Hazmat focus. Sorenson stated on 03/28/19, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., there will be a weather spotting training at Christ the Rock Church. Sorenson also stated with regard to Hazmat, when updating the strategic plan, he realized he needed information on what hazardous commodity was flowing on the rail lines in the county so he contacted the railroad and received a response.

The next meeting is scheduled for 03/06/19 at 8:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 1:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet Co. Sheriff's Office  
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Minutes approved 03/06/19.