

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 6, 2019

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on March 6, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Staff Present:** Sheriff Mark Wiegert, Emergency Management Coordinator Bernie Sorenson, and Chief Deputy Medical Examiner Regina Behnke

**Others Present:** Chief Craig Plehn

A motion was made Connors, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Agenda for the March 6, 2019 meeting. A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Stecker, to approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting. Motions carried unanimously.

**Public Participation:** None

**Report of Committee Members:** Connors highlighted some of the items in Governor Evers budget address. Connors stated included in the budget was money to upgrade 911 systems, for the road infrastructure, and to address the opiate problem in the state. Also noted was the increase in money for public defenders and the appointment of assistant district attorneys around the state.

**Communications:** None

**Items for Action or Discussion:**

Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of the 2019 Budget for the Award of the Drug Trafficking Response Grant. Sheriff Wiegert brought forth the resolution for the 2019 budget amendment for the awarded Drug Trafficking Response Grant received from the Wisconsin Department of Justice. The grant will be used to purchase a CelleBrite phone download system and the training of two people for the download. Wiegert noted our department was currently

using the MEG Unit's CelleBrite system. Grant money will also be used to purchase some specialized equipment for the Calumet County Drug Task Force. Connors made a motion to send the resolution to the County Board in March for approval, seconded by Mueller. Motion carried unanimously.

## **Report of Departments:**

### **A. Sheriff:**

- 1) Update on 02/24/19 Storm. Sheriff Wiegert shared with the committee the sheriff's office response during the 02/24/19 storm that included horrific winds and zero visibility on the roadways in the morning and afternoon. Wiegert noted on HWY 57 alone, there were 12 cars in crashes or in the ditch and two semis stuck in the snow. Wiegert also stated a tow truck ran into the back of a squad car and a deputy was injured. Wiegert stated from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., the office received 350 calls and the deputies responded to over 100 of them. Wiegert expressed his appreciation on how well dispatch and the deputies responded that day. The committee also expressed their appreciation to the office for their response and dedication in serving the public.

Because of the severe weather conditions, Wiegert indicated he is working with Corporation Counsel in creating a tow ban to activate in the county, which will only be enacted in very serious cases and can only be enacted by a supervisor.

- 2) Hiring Update: Sheriff Wiegert indicated one new patrol deputy was hired two weeks ago, one new patrol deputy will be starting on March 18, 2019, and a background check is currently being conducted on a third potential new deputy.

Wiegert stated starting April 1, 2019, one fulltime deputy will be assigned to Harrison. Wiegert anticipated a second fulltime deputy will be assigned to Harrison around July, 2019.

### **B. Emergency Management Coordinator:**

- 1) Current Status on the Update of our County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Emergency Management Coordinator Sorenson indicated the existing contractor he was working with is no longer able to work on the plan update. Sorenson indicated

he needs to contract for a second contractor to assist in the update and is in the process of getting that contractor in place for the late 2019 plan update.

- 2) Upcoming Weather Spotter Training. Emergency Management Coordinator Sorenson noted again there will be a weather spotter training on 03/28/19 at 6:00 p.m. at Christ the Rock Church. Employees and the general public is welcome to attend.
  
- 3) Discussion on the Formation of a Countywide Damage Assessment Team. Emergency Management Coordinator Sorenson spoke of the need in forming a countywide damage assessment team. Sorenson indicated there is a need for a team to be in place to come together quickly to identify damages and send out forms and documents in a timely manner after a disaster, so as not to lose out on monies awarded.

The next meeting is scheduled for 04/03/19 at 8:30 a.m., or as needed.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Mueller, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet Co. Sheriff's Office  
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Minutes Approved 05/0719.