

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 21, 2023

Chairperson Pete Stier called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on June 21, 2023, at 8:32 AM.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Scott Handschke, Joe Mueller, Tom Stoffel, and Alice Connors (arrived at 9:05 AM)

Staff Present: Chief Deputy Derek Bries, Public Safety Administrative Manager Tony Lodel, County Administrator Todd Romenesko, and Sheriff Brett Bowe (arrived at 9:08 AM)

Others Present: Mary Schwalenberg

A motion was made by Stoffel, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Agenda for the 06/21/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Stoffel, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Minutes of the 04/05/23 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: None

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Items for Action or Discussion:

- A. Discussion on Letter Regarding Sale of Delta-9 Products: Chief Deputy Bries advised he has had a meeting with the Brillion, New Holstein, Chilton, and Kiel police chiefs with regard to the sale of Delta-9 products and the enactment of an ordinance, either locally or countywide, regulating the sale of those products. As it stands right now, Delta products can be sold to any age group, and they are on checkout counters in stores. The concern is, is to keep these products out of the hands of children and out of our schools. It was noted, the City of Kaukauna has enacted an ordinance in which a person has to be 21 to purchase Delta products and the products cannot be on the counter, they need to be behind the counter. After some discussion, Bries advised he will meet again with the cities and decide if the cities do an ordinance or a countywide ordinance be done.

- B. Discussion on 2023 Wisconsin Act 4 – Protective Status for Corrections: Chief Deputy Bries stated with the enactment of 2023 Wisconsin Act 4, jailers have the opportunity to be classified as “protective occupant participants” under the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS). With the protective status classification, the employee’s contribution to the WRS will be higher. Bries noted this is a voluntary election and jailers can choose to participate or not. This will be explained in full to all jailers and will start in January, 2024.

Report of Departments:

A. Chief Deputy:

- 1) Hiring. Chief Deputy Bries gave the hiring update on behalf of Sheriff Bowe. Bries advised one potential jail hire is currently undergoing a background check and there are two patrol officer background checks being done. Bries stated they will be meeting with a patrol candidate and he will be attending recruit academy from August to December. Currently, Cody Vande Hey is in recruit academy and will be done in October. Cody Northway will be starting the academy in January.

There is an opening for one fulltime dispatcher.

- 2) Patrol Report. Chief Deputy Bries then shared the sheriff’s office arrest statistics and overall incident summary for April-May of 2023. Of note were 15 OWI arrests and 14 drug arrests.
- 3) National Night Out – 07/31/23: Chief Deputy Bries advised National Night Out will be on 07/31/23, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, in the west courthouse parking lot. Planning for this event is currently in the infant stages.
- 4) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bries gave the jail report on behalf of Lt. Hoerning. Bries advised there is one fulltime male and one fulltime female currently in training. Jail staffing is at maximum with training.

Today’s jail population is at 37 inmates consisting of 35 males and two females. Five inmates are on GPS and one is on Huber.

Chief Deputy Bries advised a new Vault interview camera was installed in the jail professional visiting area in May.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2023, or as needed.

At 9:13 AM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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