

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

MARCH 10, 2021

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on March 10, 2021, at 9:30 AM.

**Members Present:** Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, Joe Mueller, Kenneth Irwin (in person) and Marilyn Schuh (via WebEx)

**Staff Present:** Sheriff Mark Wiegert, Chief Deputy Brett Bowe, Lt. Eric Volland, and Emergency Manager Bernie Sorenson

**Others Present:** Kyles Vang

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Mueller, to approve the Agenda for the 03/10/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Irwin, to approve the Minutes of the 01/06/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**Report of Committee Members:** None

**Communications:** None

**Report of Departments:**

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Post-COVID Electronic Monitoring Rules. Sheriff Wiegert indicated with regard to being considered for electronic monitoring for the Huber inmates moving forward in the future, an inmate cannot live more than a five mile radius out of the county. With regard to disciplinary action, a two strike policy will be in place. If an inmate makes two mistakes while on electronic monitoring, he/she will be coming back into the jail to serve out the rest of their sentence; however, there will be exceptions, such as medical issues, disabilities, etc.
- 2) Construction Update. Sheriff Wiegert provided a law enforcement center construction update. As of March, starting to install the dropped ceilings, a lot of the grid work is up in the offices and EOC, plumbers are starting to install plumbing fixtures, detention frame windows and doorframes are being filled

with grout, electrical and data wires are being pulled, data racks are being installed in the IT room off the dispatch center, majority of the interior walls are painted in the office area and they are continuing to paint the cellblocks, tiling in bathrooms is just about finished and they are also finishing up in the workout/training room, installation of kitchen tile floor will be started this month, roofers are finishing the roof putting on the edge caps, piping is being installed for the chillers for the HVAC, plumbers working on installing main piping in mechanical room on second floor mezzanine area, flooring in the main lobby will be installed this month, and installation of the built in case work will begin.

- 3) Snow Patrol Report. Sheriff Wiegert stated overall it was a decent year but there were two incidents with deputies on snowmobiles. One deputy received a minor injury and was back to work the next day but the other deputy received a major injury, was off three weeks, and is now back on light duty. Corrective measures were taken after the second incident. Total patrol hours on the trails were 70.8. Total patrol expenses were \$8,487.86, which included fringe benefits, salaries, and cost of leasing the machines. The expenses will be submitted to the DNR for reimbursement. Eight citations and five warnings were issued.
- 4) COVID Update. Sheriff Wiegert indicated over the last two months there have been no cases of COVID employee-wise. It was estimated 45 percent of the employees have received the COVID vaccination. The sheriff's office continues to assist with the vaccination clinic at St. Martin's Church. Due to a construction project at St. Martin's Church, the vaccination clinic will be moved to Faith Alliance Church for one week, the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 5) Staffing Update. The sheriff's office interviewed yesterday for the Jail Sargent position being vacated by Sgt. Kurt Kohler who will be retiring 06/01/21, after 27 years with the department. Sheriff Wiegert announced Correctional Officer Dan Van Oss has been selected as the new Jail Sargent to commence duties starting 06/01/21. There will be a new male casual correctional officer starting next Monday. Along with that, Correctional Officer Nathaniel Hersil will be moving out of the jail into a patrol deputy position. A background check is currently being conducted on a female correctional officer interviewed last week and there is still one female fulltime opening. Also, we are working with Human Resources on the posting for a male casual and a male fulltime correctional officer position, and we received notice from Correctional Officer Da Neng Vang that he has been given a conditional offer to be a patrol officer for Fond du Lac Police Department.
- 6) Introduction of Kyles Vang – Employee of the Year. Sheriff Wiegert presented to the committee Correctional Officer Kyles Vang who has been selected by his

peers as the Calumet County Sheriff's Office Employee of the Year. Sheriff Wiegert presented Kyles with his plaque.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland gave an incident summary for the first two months of this year. The calls for service in January were 968 and in February were 1,002. Lt. Voland noted fraud and theft complaints were up and this was largely due to the mailbox thefts occurring all over northeast Wisconsin. Also indicated were the total arrests and number of citations and warnings issued year-to-date.

C. Chief Deputy (Jail):

- 1) Jail Report. With regard to the current jail population, Chief Deputy Bowe indicated there were 12 inmates in lockup, 10 in the Huber Dorm, one in isolation, and 11 housed out – 10 in Green Lake and 1 in Winnebago. Also, there are 33 on GPS.

D. Emergency Manager:

- 1) Emergency Management Update. Emergency Manager Sorenson indicated he is working once a week at the COVID clinic. There is also testing at two locations in the county, Christ the Rock Church on Thursdays and starting Monday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, at Chilton High School for 11 weeks. Sorenson indicated he is still doing PPE requesting and has a good supply, so if any organization or jurisdiction is in need, to contact him.

Sorenson indicated he has reached out to the East Central WI Regional Planning Commission to help with updating the Hazardous Commodity Flow Plan. There are costs involved and he is looking into a grant to offset the costs.

Sorenson discussed the three large grants he has to work with each year, around \$75,000.00, and the plan of work he has to do for the grants each year. Sorenson indicated a non-profit security grant came open and he has reached out to Christ the Rock Church about procuring this grant. They are interested and this grant would be utilized to improve security for their facilities.

Sorenson indicated he is out doing facility visits to do the planning for offsite facilities that have extremely hazardous chemicals. He stated there are about 31 facilities in the county.

Sorenson talked about the functional exercise that was finished last Thursday that was done virtually primarily focusing on a chemical release in Hilbert.

Sorenson indicated he is working on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update, which is nearing completion, and will then be brought before the County Board for final approval.

Sorenson also indicated he needs to update the County Emergency Operations Plan, which he hopes to get started this year. The old plan needs to be converted to an Emergency Response Plan modeled after the State's version and this will probably take about 1 ½ years.

Sorenson noted we are entering into severe weather season. He stated he is considering whether or not to do a tornado drill during severe weather week in April.

The next meeting is scheduled for 04/07/21, or as needed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Stier at 10:38 AM.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office  
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Minutes Approved 05/05/21.