

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 6, 2020

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Sheriff Mark Wiegert on May 6, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

Sheriff Wiegert announced due to the format of the meeting (via WebEx), there will be no public participation.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, Joe Mueller, Marilyn Schuh, and Kenneth Irwin

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Wiegert, County Administrator Todd Romenesko and IT Systems Administrator John Anderson

Others Present: Mary Schwalenberg, Tom, and Jeremy John

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Election of Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Connors moved to nominate Stier for Chair and there were no other nominations. Connors moved nominations be closed and cast a unanimous ballot for Stier as Chair, seconded by Irwin. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Stier moved to nominate Connors for Vice Chair and there were no other nominations. Stier moved nominations be closed and cast a unanimous ballot for Connors for Vice Chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor Stier assumed the role of Chair of this committee.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Connors, to approve the Agenda for the 05/06/20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mueller, seconded by Connors, to approve the Minutes for the 01/08/20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: None

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution to Create 1.0 FTE Police School Liaison Officer in Hilbert and Stockbridge School Districts. Sheriff Wiegert noted the sheriff's office has been providing limited police school liaison services to the Hilbert and Stockbridge School Districts for the past several years, and he received requests from Hilbert and Stockbridge to increase the hours to a full-time position. In order to do so, there needs to be a deputy assigned to this position full-time. Wiegert asked for the committee's support in approving the Resolution to approve the hiring of a full-time police school liaison officer for Hilbert and Stockbridge. Connors moved for adoption, seconded by Schuh. Connors asked if the county will pay 25% of this position. Wiegert reiterated that the county will pay 25% and Hilbert and Stockbridge will provide 75% of the funding towards this position. The cost to the county for this position would be about \$11,198.00. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of the 2020 Budget for the Award of the Drug Trafficking Response Grant. Sheriff Wiegert informed the committee for the second year in a row the sheriff's office applied for a grant through the Department of Justice (DOJ), which is specific to the Drug Task Force, and for the second year in a row the sheriff's office was awarded that grant. This grant is for \$25,000.00 to be used specifically for a new vehicle for the Drug Task Force. Connors moved to adopt this Resolution, seconded by Schuh. Schuh asked what the total cost of the new vehicle would be, and she was advised cost estimates were not yet completed but DOJ wants the paperwork signed within 30 days. Wiegert advised there was also money in the Drug Task Force account that could be used toward the purchase of this vehicle, and this should not affect the sheriff's office budget at all. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) Law Enforcement Center Building Update. Wiegert indicated that approximately 50 percent of the outer perimeter spancrete walls of the building have been put up, and they are working on the second floor portion of the jail. Roof trusses are starting to be put up over the sally port portion of the jail garage area. Right now construction appears to be close to being on schedule, but this is always subject to change based on the weather. Wiegert noted there were no major issues with the building.
- 4) Sheriff's Office Response to COVID-19. Wiegert indicated someone from the sheriff's office is monitoring the one public entrance to the courthouse during the day. There are hand washing stations at both entrances as you come into

the sheriff's office. Wiegert indicated we are working diligently to keep COVID-19 out of the jail. There is an agreement with surrounding counties to not be moving prisoners between jail facilities. Jail employees are wearing face masks on a daily basis and washing their hands as they come into the jail. There are places set up in the jail for quarantining an inmate. The patrol staff has gone from a 6-3 eight hour schedule to a 12 hour schedule to alleviate less people coming into the building on a daily basis and to cut down on contact with the other group of deputies. Wiegert noted he has met with other police agencies in the county to set up a contingency plan if affected with COVID-19 at their agency to share officers throughout the county. Wiegert noted we still have Huber but almost all of the Huber population is out on GPS. The Huber dorm is being used to house lockup inmates. As to the patrol officers sharing vehicles, after each shift the deputy going off duty is responsible for sanitizing the vehicle and the oncoming deputy also sanitizes the vehicle. With the 12 hour shifts, two of the vehicles are not being used at any given time and this lessens the chance for anything infectious to remain in the vehicle.

- 5) 2nd K-9 Update. One of the problems we are facing is that car manufacturers are shut down so the K-9 vehicle is sitting on the assembly line somewhere. Depending on when car manufacturers resume, will determine when we get the 2nd K-9 up and running. The department is looking into using a breeder and trainer in the State of Wisconsin.
- 6) 2019/2020 Snow Patrol Report. The sheriff's office logged about 120 hours of snow patrol, issuing 15 warnings and seven citations. The department had 16 hours of administrative time, for a total of 136 hours on snow patrol. The sheriff's office has met the DNR standards for reimbursement and, therefore, is asking for total reimbursement from the DNR of \$10,288.52.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2020 at 8:30 AM, or as needed.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Stier at 8:56 AM.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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