

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 1, 2022

Sheriff Mark Wiegert called the Calumet County Public Safety Committee meeting to order on June 1, 2022, at 8:31 AM.

Members Present: Supervisors Peter Stier, Alice Connors, and Scott Handschke
Joe Mueller and Tom Stoffel were excused

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

Others Present: None

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Election of Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Connors nominated 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 Handschke. Motion carried unanimously.

Election of Vice Chair – Nominations by voice vote. Handschke nominated Connors for Vice Chair and there were no other nominations. Handschke 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 Connors, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Agenda for the 06/01/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Handschke, to approve the Minutes of the 04/06/22 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: Connors reported she was at Fox Valley Technical College's Public Safety Training Center yesterday where the governor announced an additional \$22 million will be given to communities to either enhance their first responder services or fire department upgrades.

Communications: Sheriff Wiegert shared with the members a variety of the communications he receives at the department on a daily basis via mail, email, or other communications.

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Hiring Update. Sheriff Wiegert advised currently there are two male correctional officer positions open. Interviews were held last week and a background check is in the process of being conducted on one male. Currently, there are no casual male correctional officers and there are no applicants for this position either. One female correctional officer will be leaving in July to attend law school so that position will be open. Julie Hoerning has accepted the Jail Administrator position and was introduced to the committee. Kyles Vang has accepted the Jail Sergeant position vacated by Hoerning becoming the Jail Administrator and will move into that position sometime in July.
- 2) K-9 Update. Sheriff Wiegert informed the committee that Crossroads Veterinary Clinic is no longer able to donate Amer's dog food. The department will be taking over that expense, which is about \$570.00 a year. St. Anna Veterinary Clinic is still donating Alek's dog food.
- 3) National Night Out. Sheriff Wiegert announced for the first time National Night Out will be held in the sheriff's office parking lot. This is being conducted by the department's Wellness Committee and will occur August 1, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. There will be a brat fry, along with ThedaStar, various fire departments, and police departments in attendance.
- 4) Law Enforcement Grant Discussion. Sheriff Wiegert noted in the past three and one-half years, the department has secured \$298,500.00 in grants. Some of the items purchased with the grant money were a drone, a vehicle for the Calumet County Drug Task Force, a TruNarc Handheld Narcotics Analyzer, shields for all of the squad cars, and a lot of other equipment. The department will continue to look and apply for grants.
- 5) Tow Policy Update. Sheriff Wiegert talked about the non-preference tow policy that has been implemented with the four tow companies used by the sheriff's office, namely Dan's Towing, Jigger's, Scott's Towing, and Rick's Towing. This policy was put in effect to alleviate the complaints from the tow companies of not being called out. The tow companies are on a rotational basis by alphabetic order. To date, Dan's Towing has had 58 non-preference tows, Jigger's has had 58 non-preference tows, Scott's Towing has had 57 non-preference tows, and Rick's Towing because they have just moved into the county has had 18 non-preference tows. This rotation may be deviated from at the deputy's discretion based on public safety and the location and time of crash.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland stated the sheriff's office is currently participating in the Click It or Ticket campaign, which is a statewide initiative, along with surrounding states, until 06/05/22, looking for seatbelt violations. Two correctional officers volunteered to attend the WI Law Enforcement Memorial in Madison. Some of the incidents patrol staff worked on over the past month were six hit and run accidents, four of which occurred after 11:00 PM at night, and fraud complaints – people being scammed out of money. The department is trying to combat these fraud issues through public awareness, which includes posts on Facebook page and articles in local newsletters.

C. Chief Deputy (Jail):

- 1) Jail Report. Chief Deputy Bowe stated there are currently 37 inmates in lockup, six of which are females, and 15 on GPS. Bowe advised the jail capacity is 87 beds and 80 percent is considered full capacity.

The meeting proceeded outside to the parking lot where Deputy Parker Fuller conducted a demonstration of the new drone acquired by the department.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 6, 2022, or as needed.

At 9:25 AM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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Minutes Approved 07/06/22.