

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 7, 2021

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on July 7, 2021, at 8:30 AM.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Wiegert and Lt. Eric Volland

Others Present: None

A motion was made by Irwin, seconded by Schuh, to approve the Agenda for the 07/07/21 meeting and the Minutes of the 05/05/21 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

- 1) Resolution Authorizing the Amendment of the 2021 Budget for the Award of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant. Sheriff Wiegert indicated the sheriff's department was awarded \$131,500.00 under the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant, which funding will be applied towards the jail to purchase body scanning equipment, WebEx for the programming rooms to conduct trainings, and a Polycom unit. Connors made a motion to forward the Resolution to the County Board, seconded by Schuh. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) Building Update. Sheriff Wiegert provided a building update. Exterior finish grades will be starting, followed by curb and gutters, and then paving of the parking lot. Security glass in the jail pods will start to be installed next week. Kitchen equipment is being installed. The office area is close to 100 percent complete. Security electronics are starting to be installed. Master control case work is being installed. The chillers and air handlers have all been started up to remove the humidity in the building. The water and sewer project is scheduled

to be completed by mid-July, weather permitting. The Clerk of Courts should be moved back to their location by the end of July.

- 3) COVID Update. Sheriff Wiegert indicated some of the COVID restrictions are being rolled back in the jail. More suspects are now being brought into the jail where previously signature bond were being issued out on the road. It is estimated 65-70 percent of the sheriff's office staff have received the COVID vaccination and those who have not need to continue wearing masks. Vaccinations are being offered to inmates who will be in the jail for an extended period of time.
- 4) Personnel Update. As of today's date, patrol is fully staffed. There is one deputy in training; however, he is currently on sick leave. Two deputies are on light duty with one expected to return to full duty on July 18-19, 2021. There are four openings for correctional officers. One female correctional officer is starting today and conditional offers have been extended to one female and one male. The Dispatch Center is fully staffed. Chrissi Lowery, a former dispatcher with our department, has been hired back as a part-time casual dispatcher.
- 5) 2022 Budget. The department is looking to put into the 2022 budget a new boat, along with the boat trailer. It was noted the current patrol boat has been in service by the department for 21 years, is a little small, and is starting to fail. Repair costs for the last six years have come to almost \$16,000.00. An early estimate for a new 25' Boston Whaler with trailer is \$185,000.00.

Another budget item is a new Command Post with a truck to pull it, the cost of which will be looked into being covered by ARPA funding.

Another large budgetary item will be a Bear Cat for the SWAT Team. This will either need to be replaced or the SWAT Team will be shut down. The current vehicle being used was built in 1974 and the ballistics on it are no longer suitable for use. This item would be for the 2023 budget.

Also in the budget will be a request for one new position, a Jail Administrator.

- 6) Dispatch Report. There has been a steady increase in the 911 calls and calls for service due to the lessening of COVID restrictions and people being out and about. There has also been a steady increase in calls over the past several years and this can be attributed to the population increase in the county.

B. Lieutenant (Patrol):

- 1) Patrol Report. Lt. Voland shared the first and second quarter incident summaries for 2021. He noted to date, there have been 33 accidents with injuries and 8 out of the 33 accidents were OWI related, involving either alcohol or drugs. Traffic stops increased from 514 to 649. The deputies have been very proactive in recognizing drivers under the influence and also when on calls for service in recognizing drug behaviors and activity.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 4, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

At 9:38 AM, Chairperson Stier called the meeting adjourned.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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