

PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 5, 2020

The Calumet County Protection of Persons and Property (PPP) Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Pete Stier on August 5, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Mark Wiegert, County Administrator Todd Romenesko, Lt. Eric Voland, Emergency Manager Bernie Sorenson

Others Present: Supervisor Kenneth Draheim

A motion was made by Connors, seconded by Schuh, to approve the Agenda for the 08/05/20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Irwin, seconded by Connors, to approve the Minutes of the 05/06/20 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Participation: None

Report of Committee Members: None

Communications: None

Report of Departments:

A. Sheriff:

1) Sheriff's Report:

Sheriff Wiegert provided a COVID-19 update for the department. With regard to Governor Evers emergency order mandating that face coverings be worn in indoor settings, Sheriff Wiegert indicated the department will be educating the public and not writing tickets or referring violators to the District Attorney's Office. A Skytron UVC disinfecting light was shown to the committee. Sheriff Wiegert indicated this light is for use in the jail and sheriff's office and can be

used in other areas of the courthouse, if needed. Sheriff Wiegert advised one employee in the sheriff's office has tested positive for COVID-19.

Sheriff Wiegert indicated he was contacted by the City of Brillion and the City of New Holstein for possible consolidation of their police departments with the Calumet County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Wiegert advised the City of Brillion has since backed away from consolidation but the City of New Holstein is still pursuing. The County is currently working on putting together some numbers to present to them.

The 2021 budget was discussed. Items of note were a request for two additional correctional officers and a patrol sergeant. It should be noted the patrol sergeant is not a new position but an elevation of somebody to that position. Sheriff Wiegert also advised the dispatch consoles have about a one and one-half year lifespan left and the department is working on putting together numbers for this.

2) Jail Report:

Sheriff Wiegert gave a building update. Spancrete was being erected and the floor was being poured. Iron beams are currently being put up for the Emergency Management and the sheriff's office. The project is currently behind schedule.

The jail is currently short-staffed with regard to female correctional officers. One casual female is currently in training, the department has extended an offer to a fulltime female with a start date of 08/17/20, and the department is currently in the process of doing a background check on another potential casual female employee.

The jail population is currently at 68 inmates, with 14 safekeepers, and 25 Huber inmates on GPS.

Sheriff Wiegert commended the jail staff indicating they are doing a phenomenal job in dealing with the jail inmates. A small presentation was shown of the correctional staff dealing with a jail inmate in an isolation cell and use of the restraint chair.

B) Lieutenant (Patrol):

1) Patrol Report:

Lt. Voland advised Parker Fuller has been hired as a patrol deputy and he is currently in Phase I of his training. Lt. Voland stated there is one patrol opening

yet to fill. Lt. Voland outlined the police school liaison positions. There will be one fulltime in Chilton, one fulltime between Hilbert/Stockbridge, and one part-time at Woodland/Sunrise Elementary Schools with court security the other days. Deputy Lemieux will be the police school liaison at Hilbert/Stockbridge and the other two appointments will be announced in the next week.

Lt. Bries is currently working on revising department policies using a program called Lexipol. There are about 100 total policies.

Six new squad vehicles were received and put in the rotation, four of which were received before the COVID outbreak. Parts to repair vehicles are currently on backorder. The second Harrison squad and the second canine squad are also on backorder.

Lt. Voland presented the incident summary to date. Calls for service were down in the second quarter, which was attributed to COVID and the Stay at Home Order; however, property type crimes were up. Also, the issuance of citations/warnings was down in the second quarter; however, the issuance of non-traffic citations was higher in the second quarter and that was attributed to juvenile alcohol parties.

C) Emergency Manager:

1) COVID-19 Community Testing:

Emergency Manager Bernie Sorenson announced there will be free COVID-19 drive-thru testing in partnership with the Wisconsin Army National Guard next week at the Calumet County Fairgrounds on the following dates and times:

- Tuesday, August 11, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Wednesday, August 12, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Thursday, August 13, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Sorenson noted no appointment is needed, registration will be on your smart phone at the testing site, testing is open to anyone over the age of 5, and no symptoms are required to get tested. Traffic is to enter the fairgrounds from CTH G/South Madison Street and exit on West Chestnut Street.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2020 at 8:30 AM, or as needed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 AM by Connors, seconded by Irwin. Motion carried unanimously.

Unapproved minutes.

Calumet County Sheriff's Office
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Minutes Approved 09/02/20.