

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
January 9, 2017**

Present: Kirk Konkell, Adam Field, Dan Drew, Mark Sleger
Excused w/Notice: Teresa Sumnicht
Also Present: County Board Chair Gove, County Board 1st Vice Chair Cupery, County Board 2nd Vice Chair Foley, Corporation Counsel/HR Director Ruf, Chief Deputy Kuhl, Lieutenant Stilson, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, Deputy EM Coordinator Johnson, Medical Examiner Hinze, ES Giuffre, PDR Lyn Jerde

Called to Order. Posting Compliance. Agenda Approval. Minutes Approval. Chairman's Comments.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 9 a.m. by Konkell.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Drew to approve the agenda. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion made by Drew to approve the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** February meeting. Unless there is an emergency that arises, no February Public Safety Committee meeting will be held.

Emergency Management. (Beghin, Johnson)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Because this will be Beghin's last committee meeting, the committee took the opportunity to acknowledge and thank Beghin for his loyalty, dedicated years of service, and broad knowledge in the emergency management field. Chair Konkell reiterated his gratitude as well as noted that of all the EM directors and coordinators he has met and worked with in the past, Beghin was the best he has seen.
- 2) **Position Replacement Request – Emergency Management Coordinator.** Discussion. *Motion by Drew to approve the position replacement request for the EM Coordinator position (Patrick Beghin). Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 3) **Position Replacement Request – Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator.** Discussion. *Motion by Field to approve the position replacement request for the Deputy EM Coordinator position (Kathleen Johnson). Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*
- 4) **Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator Job Description Update.** The draft job description with the suggested updates was reviewed. Discussion. *Motion by Drew to approve the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator job description changes as presented and previously approved by the Human Resources Committee. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Discussion of Emergency Management Organization.** Discussion. Both the committee and the Sheriff's Office administration agreed that the current way of managing the Emergency Management Office meets both of their standards and recommend no changes.
- 6) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure report, a motion was made by Field to approve the report. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

Sheriff's Office/Jail. (Kuhl, Stilson)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 164.
- 3) **Administrative Wages.** Handouts provided. Discussion of the worsening issue of wage compression between senior deputies and those in supervisory positions. Sheriff's Administration and Human Resources were requested to work together to draft a recommendation and/or options for presentation and committee consideration at the March meeting.
- 4) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office's*

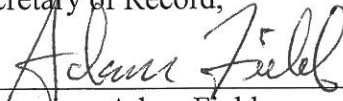
expenditure report, a motion was made by Field to approve the report. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried
Medical Examiner. (Hinze)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion.
- 2) **Expenditure Report.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made to approve the report by Sleger. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*

Motion by Drew to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.

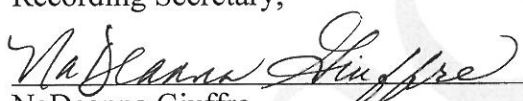
Next meeting date: Monday, March 13, 2017.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Adam Field
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Richards

cc: Public Safety Members
Chair Gove
1st Vice Chair Cupery
2nd Vice Chair Foley
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