

**Columbia County  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
January 11, 2016**

**Present:** Kirk Konkel, Adam Field, Susanna Bradley, Dan Drew, Mark Sleger (arrived @ 8:36 a.m.)  
**Also Present:** Co Board Chair Gove, Vice Chair Cupery, Supervisor Kessler, Corporation Counsel Ruf, Sheriff Richards, Chief Deputy Babcock, Captain Kuhl, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, Medical Examiner Hinze, PDR Lyn Jerde, ES Giuffre

**Called to Order. Posting Compliance. Approve Agenda. Pass Minutes. Chairman's Comments.**

- 1) Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Konkel.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) ***Motion was made by Drew to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.***
- 4) ***Motion made by Field to approve the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** 1) Building project: 18 different bids will be opened at the County Clerk's Office on 01/21/16 at 2pm. 2) Unless an emergency situation occurs, there will be no February 2016 meeting for Public Safety. Our normal meeting will resume on 03/14/16.

**Emergency Management.** (Beghin)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Beghin discussed the close to record levels of flooding in the unseasonably warm December. Then once the rain stopped and the ice followed, Beghin commended the Highway Department for their efficient salting efforts. Although a meeting was held with the Blackhawk area residents, no news was reported back. It was reiterated that the city and township are responsible for the roads in that area.
- 2) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed. ***After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure reports, a motion was made by Field to approve the reports. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.***

**Sheriff's Office/Jail.** (Richards, Babcock, Kuhl) *\*\*agenda items were taken out of order to accommodate attendees' schedules.*

- 1) **Emergency Response Issue.** After a discussion with Supervisor Wingers regarding this issue, Supervisor Kessler took it upon himself to resurrect an ordinance that failed at the County Board level a couple of years ago. Kessler stated his main concerns are the tracking AVLs, road names, and the emergency response numbering; however, his main goal is to revamp the ERN ordinance and once that is completed, he will bring that proposal before Public Safety Committee again in the future. Later in the meeting, after Chair Gove and Corporation Counsel Ruf arrived, Drew sought Gove and Ruf's opinions on a "grass roots effort" in revisiting the ERN Ordinance.
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout was provided. Discussion.
- 3) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 173. The Sheriff discussed the newly implemented 12-hour shifts in the jail. Background investigations for the two open jailer positions have begun.
- 4) **Ratification of 2016 Sheriff's Sworn Union Contract.** Viewed summary overhead. Negotiations went well. ***Motion by Drew to recommend and support the ratification of the 2016 contract as presented. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Federal Impacts to Sheriff's Office.** The Sheriff advised that the asset forfeiture program has halted due to huge deduction in their budget. Beginning in 1997, this program has saved the county thousands of dollars.
- 6) **Police Protection Agreement – Village of Arlington.** Viewed contract overhead. This 10-month contract being presented today has already been reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel Ruf. It still needs to be formally approved by the Arlington Village Board. ***Motion by Field to***

*approve the Police Protection Agreement between Columbia County and the Village of Arlington for the year 2016. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

- 7) **Expenditures.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Sheriff's Office/Jail expenditure reports, a motion was made by Bradley to approve the reports. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*

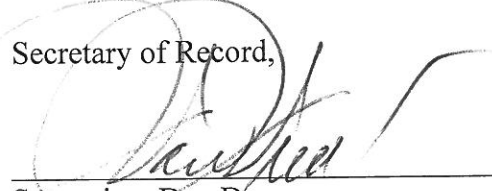
**Medical Examiner.** (Hinze, Sopha)

- 1) **Federal Impacts to Chief Deputy Position in Medical Examiner's Office.**
- 2) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout was provided. Discussion.
- 3) **Expenditure Report.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made by Bradley to approve the report. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Drew to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

Next meeting date: Monday, March 14, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

Secretary of Record,

  
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Supervisor Dan Drew  
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,

  
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NaDeanna Giuffre  
Assistant to Sheriff Richards

cc: Public Safety Members  
Chair Gove  
Vice Chair Cuperly  
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