

Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 8, 2014

Present: Kirk Konkel, Adam Field, Dan Drew, Susanna Bradley, Mark Sleger
Also Present: Chair Gove, Vice Chair Cupery, Supervisor Kessler, Sheriff Richards, Chief Deputy Babcock, Captain Kuhl, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, Medical Examiner Hinze, DNR Representatives: Eric Lobner, Mike Green, Mark Aquino, PDR Lyn Jerde, Citizen Jesse Weaver

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 Field to approve the agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.***
- 4) ***Motion made by Bradley to approve the August meeting minutes. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** A) Adhoc Infrastructure Committee update. 19 sites were reviewed. Discussion on National Historical Record area within Cook, DeWitt, Conant and Edgewater Streets.

Emergency Management. (Beghin)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Beghin spoke briefly about the monthly meetings, potential high water upcoming, and the Mass Fatality Committee progress.
- 2) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed. ***After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure reports, a motion was made by Drew to approve the reports. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried***

Sheriff's Office/Jail. (Richards, Babcock, Kuhl)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. The Sheriff spoke of the new K9 unit (Deputy Graf/Recon) doing very well through the transition. Deputy Ward/Maverick continues to do well. The WCA 3rd Annual ALERT training will be in Sauk County on 10/09/14. This year our Sergeant Brian Pulvermacher will be participating. This event is open to the public and the Sheriff encouraged the committee members to attend.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 180. Federal inmate numbers holding steady.
- 3) **Position Replacement Request – Dispatcher.** Discussion. ***Motion by Field to approve the position replacement request for Dispatcher. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.***
- 4) **Expenditures.** Visual review of report was completed. ***After a review of the Sheriff's Office/Jail expenditure reports, a motion was made by Drew to approve the reports. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Wage Study Update.** Final appeal email was sent out last week. The Sheriff explained that there was much confusion through the appeals process to include how to appeal, limitations on the actual appeals themselves, and how the whole study will work for pay increases into the future. Staff appeals will be determined by HR at the 10/03 Human Resources Committee meeting. HR and Human Resources Director Ruf will review and discuss the appeals individually, but the committee will have the final decision. No current county employee will get a reduction in pay; however, those new starting employees will receive the reduced starting pay. Discussion. There were questions and concerns about the process and how to obtain additional information to assist staff in answering their questions. A public comment was also offered by Citizen Weaver. Supervisor Field will research the information presented today.

Recreational Shooting in Columbia County (Lobner, Green, Aquino)

Swan Lake update was provided. A handout of some lodged complaints were documented and provided to the committee. Discussion. It was reported that some shooting is still occurring from on top of the hill. Chair Gove explained that there was a complaint from 09/07/14. French Creek update was provided. Although there was some recent off-roading with big trucks by local citizens; however, according to Vice Chair Cupery, the changes seem to be working. Topic to be placed back on the October PSC agenda.

Medical Examiner. (Hinze)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Hinze advised the committee about the Child Death Review Team and their nationwide initiative to introduce DNA ID Packets. Hinze also briefed the committee on the status of the Mass Fatality Committee's progress. Supervisor Field thanked Hinze and the Mass Fatality Committee on their continued work and efforts with the plan. Hinze provided the committee with a historical handout of interest.
- 2) **Expenditure Report.** Visual review of report was completed. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made by Field to approve the report. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*

Motion by Bradley to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.

Next meeting date: Monday, October 13, 2014.

Secretary of Record,



Supervisor Dan Drew
Committee Secretary

Recording Secretary,



NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Richards

cc: Public Safety Members
Chair Gove
Vice Chair Cupery
Internet