

Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 10, 2012

Present: Kirk Konkel, Adam Field, Kevin Kessler, Fred Teitgen

Excused: Joann Wingers

Also Present: County Board Chair Ross, Vice Chair Gove, Sheriff Richards, Chief Deputy Babcock, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, Medical Examiner Hinze, PDR Lyn Jerde, NaDeanna Giuffre

I. Called to Order. Posting Compliance. Approve Agenda. Pass Minutes.

- 1) Meeting called to order at 9:03 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 Teitgen. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion made by Kessler to approve the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Field. Discussion. Totals in Jail Outlay, Jail, and Medical Examiner 2013 budget totals will be compared to those which Accounting provided. Motion carried.*

II. Chairman's Comments.

- 1) **Budget Hearing Date.** Budget hearing dates are set for 09/20/12 at the Accounting Office: Medical Examiner at 9 a.m.; Emergency Management at 9:30 a.m.; and Sheriff/Jail at 10 a.m.

III. Emergency Management.

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion.
- 2) **Adoption of the County Emergency Plan.** Discussion. Minor tweaks are still needed before formal approval. If successful in making the necessary changes, placing it on the next County Board agenda may be acceptable. A resolution will need to be drafted. *Motion by Teitgen to recommend to the County Board the adoption of the County Emergency Plan proposal. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 3) **ERN Discussion.** An update to the policy and ordinances will be needed to clean up known inconsistencies. If the proposed changes are made now, the less information the caller will need to provide when calling 911 or in an emergency response. Kessler would like to begin to work with Beghin to create a draft to be reviewed by Public Safety and distribute draft to all affected departments.
- 4) **Expenditure Reports.** Handout provided. *After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure report, a motion was made to approve by Teitgen. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*

IV. Sheriff's Office/Jail.

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Drug activity continues to increase and demanding more dedicated staff for many long hours and overtime. The problem is not under control. Overdoses and frequency of heroin is nearly an epidemic. Additional work, training, and education are being done with the local municipalities to better assist.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate count: 140.
- 3) **Fingerprint Machines.** \$25,000 was removed from the proposed 2014 budget and placed into the 2013 budget to replace one of the two fingerprint machines that need replacing in the secure Jail and Huber Center. The Huber Center machine will cost approximately \$10,000 and the secure Jail machine will cost approximately \$30,000. Discussion. Per Captain Kuhl, the secure Jail fingerprint machine needs replacing first.
- 4) **Replacement Position Request – Dispatcher.** Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen to approve the*

replacement of a Dispatcher position. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.

- 5) **Northwest Connections/Mental Health Discussion- Kuhl.** Sheriff Richards met with Director Dawn Woodard of the Columbia County Department of Health and Human Services Office. It seems that things are going well for Human Services Office and their operation, but not for the County Jail and patrol. Two systems may be necessary for the county – one for Human Services and one for the Jail and Sheriff’s Office. Handout provided. Discussion. *Motion by Teitgen to request the Sheriff’s Administration to review the current contract and develop new language for the next and/or new contract and bring back to the October 2012 Public Safety Committee. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 6) **Sheriff Radio Update – Testing of Systems Dates.** Discussion. Big Springs contract has been signed but insurance language is required to be changed. Once signed, we will have a certificate of insurance. Testing is set for October 2012. Equipment will evaluate mile by mile but wanting to determine if span can be reduced to better test in cities, villages, and townships.
- 7) **Expenditure Reports.** Handout provided. *After a review of the Sheriff’s Office and Jail expenditure reports, a motion was made by Teitgen to approve the reports. Seconded by Kessler. Motion carried.*

V. Medical Examiner.

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion.
- 2) **New Vehicle.** Handout. New vehicle versus used. Discussion. Konkel recommended a new 2013 vehicle is purchased unless a better deal could be sought at a year-end discount.
- 3) **Expenditure Report.** Handout provided. *After a review of the Medical Examiner expenditure report, a motion was made to approve by Teitgen. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*

Motion by Teitgen to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.

Secretary of Record,

Recording Secretary,

Supervisor Kevin Kessler
Committee Secretary

NaDeanna Giuffre
Assistant to Sheriff Richards

cc: Judiciary Members
Chair Ross
Vice Chair Gove
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