

**Columbia County
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
September 12, 2016**

Present: Kirk Konkel, Adam Field, Dan Drew, Teresa Sumnicht, Mark Sleger @ 9:10 a.m.
Also Present: County Board Chair Gove, 2nd County Board Vice Chair Foley, Corporation Counsel Ruf, Captain Kuhl, Lt. Stilson, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, 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 9:04 a.m. by Konkel.
- 2) Posting compliance was met per Open Meetings Law.
- 3) *Motion was made by Sumnicht to approve the agenda. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*
- 4) *Motion made by Field to approve the previous meeting minutes. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.*
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** n/a.

Emergency Management. (Beghin)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion.
- 2) **Mitigation Projects with ACT Environmental Impact Fees.** Discussion of price match with FEMA for flood-prone areas in Columbia County. These fees could potentially aid those in the risk-prone areas to avoid riskier emergency services to evacuate. The likelihood of receiving the total amount to buyout all the troubled homes is nearly impossible and some individuals will not leave even if this opportunity becomes available. Because this type of program would be a long-term, preventative-type measure, it would therefore need to go before and pass through the Public Safety, Executive, and Finance Committees. Beghin was asked to draft and present a written proposal for the October Public Safety Committee meeting.
- 3) **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 report. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.*

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

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion of the 2nd fatal accident that occurred at STH 60 and CTH C intersection. Multiple burglaries were recently solved from terrific follow-up work by our staff. There was a traffic crashed involving a deputy sheriff while on duty on 09/09/16. Deputy is in good condition. State Patrol is doing the reconstruction and handling the accident. Chief Deputy Vacancy and Appointment. It is the Sheriff's Constitutional Authority to appoint a Chief Deputy who will serve as Sheriff in the absence of the Sheriff. Along with the County Board's support, this is the Sheriff's greatest appointment. Discussion. *Motion by Drew to support Sheriff Richards' recommendation and appointment of Darrel Kuhl as the new Chief Deputy as well as maintain his current Captain duties. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 192.
- 3) **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*

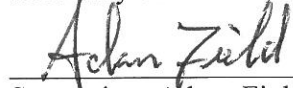
Medical Examiner. (Hinze)

- 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 Field to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.

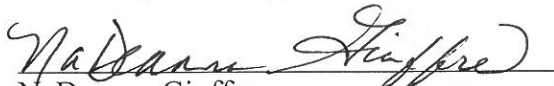
Next meeting date: Monday, October 10, 2016 at 9 a.m.

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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