

**Columbia County**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**October 13, 2014**

**Present:** Kirk Konkel, Adam Field, Dan Drew, Susanna Bradley, Mark Sleger  
**Also Present:** Chair Gove, Vice Chair Cupery, Corp Counsel Ruf, Sheriff Richards, Chief Deputy Babcock, Captain Kuhl, Emergency Management Coordinator Beghin, Medical Examiner Hinze, DNR Representatives: Eric Lobner, Casey Krueger, Mike Green, Mark Aquino, PDR Lyn Jerde, Bill Devine

**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 Bradley to approve the agenda. Seconded by Drew. Motion carried.***
- 4) ***Motion made by Drew to approve the September meeting minutes. Seconded by Field. Motion carried.***
- 5) **Chair's Comments:** A) Adhoc Infrastructure Committee update: county met with city in closed session. Next meeting is scheduled for 10/27 to review a new option. B) 2015 Budget. Chair Konkel thanked the department heads for their strict budgets. All 2015 budgets passed.

**Emergency Management.** (Beghin)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Beghin spoke briefly about the monthly meetings that occurred in September as well as the largest spill Columbia County has experienced in many years. This hazmat spill occurred on 10/07 on STH 73 north of STH 33. Local and state responders as well as the company owning the tanker and their contractors all worked together to mitigate the damage to the environment. The Sheriff's Office hosted "Crisis Management for School Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement and the Local School Systems" class at the LEC. This class was highly attended by individuals from local schools, Police, Sheriff, Emergency Management and EMS personnel.
- 2) **Expenditure Reports.** Visual review of reports was completed. ***After a review of the Emergency Management expenditure reports, a motion was made by Bradley to approve the reports. Seconded by Field. Motion carried***

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

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. The Sheriff commended Deputy Max Jenatscheck on his quick action and two arrests at a recent burglary. The Sheriff further commended the communication and coordination from administration specifically listing Chief Deputy Babcock, Lieutenant Stilson as well as the on-duty Detective Sergeants. Thankfully arrests were successfully made and no one was injured. The Sheriff spoke of the upcoming Awards Banquet being held 10/23/14 at the Portage Elks' Lodge. This banquet recognizes above and beyond efforts by both Law Enforcement as well as citizens. The Sheriff advised of a new milestone met in the Secretarial Division with incident reports to be typed exceeding 100. New Jail and Dispatch personnel starting 10/13 and 10/18. An Enbridge Grant was received by both Emergency Management as well as the Sheriff's Office.
- 2) **Inmate Count and General Review of Jail Operations.** Inmate Count: 179.
- 3) **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 Sleger. Motion carried.***

**Recreational Shooting in Columbia County.** (Lobner, Aquino, Green, Krueger)

Today's goal was to share the intent of the process to identify specific areas with problems and then prohibit

activity in those areas and seek the proper authority to better regulate use and enable enforcement. If citizens see stakes out, it was explained that the wetland boundaries will be set this week or next. Topic to remain on the agenda for November.

**DNR Resolutions.**

Discussion. *Motion by Drew to keep this topic on the November PSC agenda. Seconded by Bradley. Motion carried.*

**County Ordinance.**

County can adopt an ordinance, but is it enforceable? County cannot regulate state property; a judge would have to determine the extent. Would it apply to county owned property? Yes. Public shooting range would be wide open vs. DNR facility can be restricted. Discussion.

**Medical Examiner.** (Hinze)

- 1) **General Review of Department Activities.** Handout provided. Discussion. Hinze advised that call numbers are up. Again, Chair Konkel and County Board Gove commended Hinze on her 2015 budget presentation. Hinze provided the committee with a flyer for the recent 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Columbia County Prevent Suicide “Walk for Hope” event.
- 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 Drew. Motion carried.*


*Motion by Field to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. Seconded by Sleger. Motion carried.*

Next meeting date: Monday, November 10, 2014.

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 Cupery  
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