

MINUTES PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: Monday, December 11, 2023

TIME: 2:00 PM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joseph Zurfluh, William Voight, Brad Hamilton, Dennis Polach,
William Winch

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Zurfluh called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM.
2. The minutes of the November 13, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to accept them as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 9:30 AM (or immediately following the PIT Committee meeting) in Room 114.
4. There was no public comment.
5. The Communications Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
6. The Emergency Management Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
7. Health Director Smith reviewed the Opioid Settlement Plan and the resolution authorizing the spend down of the funds received as a part of the settlement. The expenditures out of this fund would be reviewed each year and be dependent on what is in the fund. Motion by Hamilton/Voight to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
8. The Dispatch Dept. presented their report and bill listing.
9. Dispatch Manager Bastien requested committee feedback, based on county board action for Highway Dept. employees, on allowing holiday pay for dispatchers at their scheduled work hours of 12 hours. He was instructed to work with Human Resources and this subject back to the committee.
10. The Coroner presented their report and bill listing.
11. Coroner Patton presented a proposed resolution increasing the cremation fee and death certificate signing fee as allowed by state statute. This would take effect January 1, 2024. Motion by Hamilton/Zurfluh to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Sheriff Becker reviewed, and highlighted, the following within their report.
 - a. Toys for Tots was conducted at the Courthouse and was very successful, thanks to Deputy McCormick.
 - b. Bonus Pay - Sheriff Becker would like to develop an internal program similar to what Human Resources has in place for core value merit pay just for the Sheriff's Dept. using already budgeted funds. Recommendations would be brought to the Public Safety Committee for review. It was recommended to develop a written policy so that the same rules would be followed in the future.
13. Motion by Hamilton/Polach to approve the voucher listings for Communications, Coroner, Dispatch, Emergency Management, and Sheriff's Department. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Chairman Zurfluh declared the meeting adjourned 2:41 PM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

Public Safety Committee
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