

Police Services Steering Committee
Minutes
Meeting 1 – April 19, 2006

Attendees:

Pat Kelly	Dexter Township
Pat Vaillencourt	Manchester Village
Ken Unterbrink	Lima Township
Bill McFarlane	Superior Township
Mike Moran	Ann Arbor Township
Wes Prater	Chair of the Board
Jeff Irwin	County Commissioner
Mark Ouimet	County Commissioner
Paul Bunten	Chief of Police, Saline

Members absent: Steve Solowczuk, Herb Mahony, Brenda Stumbo, Ruth Ann Jamnick

Staff Attending: Mary O'Hare, Tony VanDerworp, Kerry Sheldon, Bob Guenzel

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Charge and Agenda review and welcome to Paul Bunten, representing the Police Chiefs in Washtenaw County replacing George Basar

Reviewed Board of Commissioner's resolution to adopt this committee as an official committee of the Board. The committee discussed membership, format and meeting requirements for a public meeting.

It was mentioned that the current members of the committee representing the Townships have received support from the association members of townships. This group would like to have a voice in any future appointments of township representatives to this committee as membership changes over.

Wes Prater indicated that we would need a set of By-Laws for the committee and that mileage and per diem is now authorized for attending members. Mary O'Hare will bring a draft set of By-Laws, a proposed annual calendar and information regarding the mileage and per diem to the next meeting.

Membership: The Sheriff was officially appointed to this committee in the resolution. In the past the Undersheriff has represented the Sheriff at these meetings. The committee would encourage the Sheriff to attend as many meetings as possible to participate in these discussions as well as the Undersheriff. Local officials may contact the Sheriff directly to lend additional support for this idea. Pat Kelly agreed to add this to the Elected Officials meeting agenda.

Bob Guenzel gave an update of the status of Police Services litigation and the plan for space review. The original 5 counts of the court case were dismissed by the Judge. There are an additional 4 counts that we should be notified about by the end of the month. During this time services to Ypsilanti Township, Augusta and Salem are continuing.

As part of the Board's review of Space needs for the County, Bob indicated that the committee will have an opportunity this summer to comment on issues related to space needs, including the space needs of the jail. The jail population has spiked substantially in the last few weeks. Inmates were boarded out; unfortunately the County did not have contracts with four of the facilities used in housing these individuals. CJCC is working on an analysis of the current numbers to determine the cause of the spike.

The committee reviewed some of the remaining issues and questions brought up from previous committee work and the Local Official forums and came up with the following topics for future meetings:

- Union/contract issues clarification and input into negotiations preparation. (Diane Heidt, Labor Relations Director will be invited to the next meeting)
- Review Recommendations from the Sheriff – county wide police services
- Regional sharing of services/supervision (update on regional and subregional planning)
- Sharing of information on local millages (amounts, language, information used in communication)

Mary will bring back a proposed schedule of meeting topics for the next meeting.

Next meeting: May 17th 4:00 pm Annex Large Conference room, 110 N. Fourth