

POLICE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE

Wednesday December 5, 2007

3:00pm – 4:00pm

200 North Main, Ann Arbor

Members Present:

Jeff Irwin	County Commissioner, Chair of Board
Ruth Ann Jamnick	Ypsilanti Township
Herb Mahony, Designee	County Under Sheriff
William McFarlane	Superior Township
Michael Moran	Ann Arbor Township
Mark Ouimet	County Commissioner
Kenneth Schwartz	County Commissioner
Brenda Stumbo	Ypsilanti Township
Kenneth Unterbrink	Lima Township

Members Absent: Paul Bunten, Pat Kelly, Karen Lovejoy Roe, Dan Minzey, Patricia Vaillencourt

Staff Present: Mary O’Hare (Facilitator), David Behen, Scott Patton, Linda Wicks (Recording Secretary)

Sheriff Leadership Present: Lt. Jim Anuszkiewicz, Lt. Dieter Heren

Others Present: Mike Radzik

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator O’Hare, 3:05 pm, at the Washtenaw County Building, 200 North Main, lower level conference room.

2. Approval of Minutes

Ouimet moved for approval of the November 7, 2007, Police Services Steering Committee meeting minutes; McFarlane seconded; all in favor.

3. Citizen Participation

None.

4. Final Report on 2008 Police Services Personnel Deployment

Mahony provided a brief Powerpoint presentation outlining the Sheriff’s “*Final Report on 2008 Deployment*”, covering General Fund deployment (noting that primary responsibilities are to non-contract areas, County property and areas without local police agencies) and deployment for jurisdictions.

McFarlane inquired whether Augusta and York Townships were collaborating, with Mahony responding no.

Ouimet inquired regarding how “cast in stone” this deployment plan is, with Mahony responding that in terms of work schedules (shift and work location) the bid has gone out and is posted; but that station

changes can still happen prior to the bid date. He noted that backfill is more flexible and can be monitored throughout the year, to determine if on target for need and budget.

McFarlane inquired if there has been communication with the State Police to see if they are able to assist communities without full coverage, with Mahony responding yes, that the State Police have indicated that they will “prioritize and respond in the closest car concept with the Sheriff’s Office”.

Stumbo asked for clarification regarding when all 12 General Fund deputy positions would be filled; noting her understanding that there would be only six at the beginning of 2008. Mahony responded that all 12 positions will be phased in during the first quarter of 2008.

Schwartz stated that he saw two “positives” in this process: more community collaboration than in the past and that the Sheriff’s Office is listening to the Townships and contracting communities about what they need and are trying to tailor services to meet this. McFarlane concurred with this, noting that Superior and Ann Arbor Townships had met with Mahony and addressed concerns, arriving at an end result that both agreed on. He restated his concern for communities that are way understaffed that could have an impact on those jurisdictions that do contract for an adequate number.

Moran said that an innovative willingness to staff some odd time shifts has been helpful in developing deployment plans.

O’Hare reminded *PSSC* members that one of their roles for 2008 will be to monitor how deployment plans are going and get feedback/discuss. She stated that Commissioner Lovejoy Roe had brought up a resolution at a BOC meeting regarding increasing the number of General Fund Road Patrol, indicating that this issue has been referred back to *PSSC* for consideration and discussion. She said this issue will be on the *PSSC* Workplan for 2008 in terms of monitoring usage of Road Patrol, where it is needed, and funding.

McFarlane said that he would like to see the cost of contract deputies discussed concurrent with any discussion regarding increasing the number of General Fund Road Patrol. He noted that some jurisdictions might consider adding deputies if the cost were reduced.

Schwartz stated that Commissioner Lovejoy Roe’s motion at the BOC had been to amend the budget by adding approximately \$350,000 for Police Services, with a subsequent motion to refer this to the *PSSC* for discussion conceptually. He clarified that what was being referred to the *PSSC* for discussion was the dollar amount, and discussion is not limited to simply increasing numbers of Road Patrol. He noted said the Board as a whole will need to take up any sound suggestions provided by the *PSSC*.

O’Hare stated that the discussion is not yet defined, and that the *PSSC* may look at how this will be discussed at their January meeting; whether it would be appropriate to get activity reports for a period of time, and how best to explore the issue of law enforcement in general.

Radzik inquired whether there has been any communication with Willow Run Schools regarding the possibility of them eliminating their Liaison Officer sometime during this school year, with Mahony replying that there had been discussion and that Willow Run has recently notified the Sheriff’s Office that they will continue with their School Liaison Officer at least through the end of the school year.

Mahony expressed the benefits that may be derived from collaborations; noting that this has really expanded the way that we look at how we deliver service.

McFarlane suggested consideration of 10 and 12 hour shifts for deployment; providing different support and response.

Patton inquired about the number of State Troopers, with Mahony responding that there have been 20 allotted, with 16 or 17 actually on the schedule.

O'Hare inquired if there are any remaining issues for the 2007 *PSSC* Workplan that have not been addressed in some way.

Moran stated that the *PSSC* did have on their workplan the unaddressed issue of reducing the cost of deputies. O'Hare indicated that this would be put on the 2008 *PSSC* agenda for discussion, and that Labor Relations Manager Diane Heidt could be invited back to provide an update on negotiations.

5. Update on Regional Feasibility Study

McFarlane stated that the *Eastern Regional Police Feasibility Study* is now in draft form, with the final document due on December 19, indicating that he should have further information for the January *PSSC* meeting. Moran noted that this document is based on 12 hour shifts.

6. Local Units Workshops for Police Services

O'Hare indicated that a "check-in" with contracting jurisdictions had been discussed for 2008, to see how things are going and if there are any concerns. *PSSC* members recommended that these "check-in" workshops take place after the first quarter. O'Hare inquired if these workshops should be "hosted" out in the communities, noting that they have taken place at Scio and Superior Townships prior. Ypsilanti Township was suggested as a possible host site. O'Hare requested that the Sheriff's Office provide a brief presentation/update on the collaborations at these workshops, with Mahony agreeing.

7. PSSC Meeting Schedule for 2008

A draft 2008 *PSSC* meeting scheduled was distributed. O'Hare noted that the January date had tentatively been set for Wednesday, January 16, 2008 (third Wednesday rather than first). She noted that the BOC meeting is actually taking place on the 23rd instead, asking if the *PSSC* date should be changed to correspond. *PSSC* members chose to have their initial 2008 meeting on January 23rd. O'Hare noted that the December meeting for 2008 may also need to be adjusted. *PSSC* members asked that the meeting site be relocated to 200 North Main, closer to the Ann-Ashley parking structure. O'Hare indicated she would check regarding the parking issue for *PSSC* members, and that parking in the Ann-Ashley structure can be validated.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Facilitator O'Hare at 4:00 pm.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 23, 2008

4:30pm – 6:00pm

200 North Main, lower level conference room

Approved by Committee: 23 January 2008