

POLICE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, October 13, 2010

4:00pm – 5:00pm

Washtenaw County Annex Building, 110 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 48107

Members:

Jerry Clayton (absent)	Sheriff
Roland Sizemore (present)	BOC Chair
Jeff Irwin (absent)	County Commissioner
Pat Kelly (present)	Dexter Township
Michael Moran (absent)	Ann Arbor Township
William McFarlane (present)	Superior Township
Mark Ouimet (absent)	County Commissioner
Kenneth Schwartz (absent)	County Commissioner
Brenda Stumbo (absent)	Ypsilanti Township
Paul Bunten (present)	Chief of Police Saline
Kenneth Unterbrink (absent)	Lima Township
Karen Lovejoy-Roe (absent)	Ypsilanti Township
Patricia Vaillencourt (present)	Manchester Village

County Staff Present: Verna McDaniel (County Administrator) William Reynolds (Deputy County Administrator) SiRui Huang (Budget Office), Kelly Belknap (Finance Office), SiRui Huang (Budget Office)

Sheriff Leadership Director Greg Dill, Commander Dieter Heren, Exec. Assist. Kathy Wyatt

Others Present: Kristin Judge (BOC), Wes Prater (BOC), Courtney Nicholls (Village of Dexter), Mary Morgan (Ann Arbor Chronicle), Mike Radzik (Ypsilanti Township)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Director Dill, at the Washtenaw County Annex Building, 110 N. Fourth Ave, Ann Arbor 48107, Large Conference Room.

2. Approval of Minutes

The October 6, 2010, PSSC meeting minutes were approved by Committee.

3. Citizen Participation (none)

4. Committee Check-In

PSSC Financial Sub-Committee

5. Discussion PS Cost Issues

Recommendation by McFarlane: to support scenario three for the cost analysis. P Kelly: for cost not price, would support.

McFarlane: could we also say that we feel the contract agencies' deputies provide a value to the county and the cost doesn't reflect the value to the county and other jurisdictions. Bunten: Saline provides back-up and value to the county as well. Pat K: is there a way to value/measure that there are 80 boots on the ground (as insurance) that can help the county as a whole. Bunten: agrees, and these boots have been depleted over the last few years. Kelly: we ought to be able to value the "readiness to serve" Pat V: the county is significantly safer because of the collective number of boots on the ground. If the contracting portion of public safety gets to the point where they can't afford to contract it would put a big whole in county public safety. Greg Dill: holistic approach to public safety. Verna: a qualitative analysis would bring awareness to the public of the value to public safety in the county as a whole. Com. Prater: Northwest Study (thinks around 2000) said 34% of the cost of the deputy should be picked up by the county—would like to review that study. Pat K; what was the rationale for that number in the study? Greg Dill will look for the study.

Greg: participated in conference call today with King County Washington –facing many of same issues. Greg: number of State troopers have significantly gone down (only 12 for 24/7 --1 -3 troopers on at any one time—more posts may be closed). Paul Bunten: Saline spends a lot of time in Saline Township—because State can't police. Pat K: asked Kristin since her jurisdiction has its own police force how does she feel about? Kristin: we pay extra taxes for our police force—but it is not isolated—you need to look at safety in the county as a whole—would be happy with 20%--are concerned with what is breaking point for contracting jurisdictions (revenue from tickets have gone down because not as many officers). Pat K: SO can provide PS more efficiently. Bunten: AA had 220 officers now 118. Kristin Judge: doesn't want to nitpick –goal is a safe community. Bunten and Judge: this has been a very transparent process thanks to the SO (and the Budget Office KJ). Bunten: Law enforcement in Washtenaw County gets along very well. McFarlane: reality is there is some subjectivity—has to be a price we can all live with –even if we are not all happy. McFarlane: Sheriff very transparent and helpful—but price is what is important. Radzik: NW study –as patrol allocation model study—scientific study—pricing to be determined as a % of the county cost. There were flaws identified by SO at that time costs that weren't included –price was flawed so other study findings were ignored for the time being. Greg: our goal was to agree on the cost. We have pretty much gotten to that—now we can move to the policy piece.

Pat V: how many positions are open or filled? Commander Dieter Heren: all 80 PCNs are filled—two overseas, couple on light duty. Staffing/deployment is dynamic. Pat V: numbers are based on contracting number –if there are vacancies then contracting jurisdictions don't get a break/lowered cost. Greg: a lot of those costs are offset by overtime (apples and oranges)—service is still provided to jurisdictions. Pat K: benefit to the jurisdictions is elasticity in staffing –also benefits county. Pat V: we need support from the County Commissioners. Pat K: huge education piece. Dieter: realistically haven't seen all 12 county-wide deputies on the road on the same time—flexibility important. Dieter: important for continuity of service. Kristin: suggests to contracting jurisdictions before they present to BOC that they have a meeting (they have talked about). Greg (and McFarlane) emphasized that quality of life ties into people's security. Kristin: would like to have the total number of officers lost since 911 in the County.

Next Steps:

Timeline: Nov. 3rd PSSC meeting, Nov 4th working session, Nov. 17th Ways and Means, Dec 1, 2010
BOC

Need to put a document together for the BOC. Pat K: we should vote on costs. Concern expressed that were not enough official voting members. (Could vote on consensus of group in attendance.) We will have one more meeting before (Nov. 3) can vote on then. Paul Bunten can't be there but supports. McFarlane: can vote on recommendation to Sheriff. Pat Kelly would like an itemization of the value of

having all the boots on the ground. (Dieter: extremely important—example when bank robbers shot at AA officers.) McFarlane: important that the commissioners understand. Greg: important to have number of officers on street at 911 compared to now—big difference in response capabilities now. Pat V: antidote about granddaughters accident –luckily Village of Manchester contracts and there was a deputy close. Paul Bunten: law enforcement learning to cooperate and collaborate more –efficiencies. Dieter: also people respect each other.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next Meeting

November 3, 2010

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Washtenaw County Service Center

Zeeb Road

MSU Conference Room

Approved by Committee: November 3, 2010