

POLICE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

4:00pm – 5:30pm

705 North Zeeb Road

Members:

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

County Staff SiRui Huang (Budget Office,)

Sheriff Leadership Commander Dieter Heren, Director Greg Dill, Lt. Brian Filipiak, Lt. Troy Bevier, Exec. Assist. Kathy Wyatt

Others Present: 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 4:03 pm by Greg Dill, at the Washtenaw County Western Service Center Building, 705 North Zeeb Road, MSU Conference Room.

2. Approval of Minutes

The November 3, 2010, PSSC meeting minutes were approved by Committee.

3. Citizen Participation (none)

4. Committee Check-In (none)

5. Next Steps for 2011

Sheriff: BOC passed the cost recommendation. Next step is price moving forward (4% price increase takes affect Jan. 1).

Sheriff: some policy questions for Financial Sub-Committee to address:

1. Best scenario around contracts—4 yrs ideally. Sub-committee should look at pros and cons for all parties. Sheriff likes the concept of a rolling contract, attach 1 more year on as go along (3 yr, add one).
2. Another critical issue is around future adjustments to contract costs. In Manchester—council didn't approve for a while—had questions about what increases are based on (Sheriff legitimate questions).

Sheriff: we know what the major things are that influence the cost—use those items to justify any increases in contract cost. Could look at the last few years and determine under that approach what the cost/price would have been.

3. Some definitive policy re: adding deputies.

Would like those questions answered by June of next year. Would like the contracting entities to know what the contract cost is for 2012.

Mike Moran: issue is base price. Mentioned Jackson County price article, Oakland price, wants to know if they are cafeteria prices.—when they put the costs in the paper thinks is misleading. Sheriff—thinks Mike right on point. What they include in the price is not what WC does. Sheriff: could be another charge for the Financial Sub-Committee—we can put together spreadsheet that captures everything—compare with other counties. Pat V: on the spreadsheet—hopes would define what other counties consider a countywide service that the county absorbs. Pat V. when the PSSC was formed Oakland County was used as a model—Oakland County pop of contracting areas around 6,000 vs. WC are areas with 1,700 people—cost per resident is different. Pat V: over \$200 per person in the Village now. Greg: group wants data that is useful—in terms of comparison—providing the data from other counties is available. Sheriff: if trying to do comparable's then should try to look at similar areas. Sheriff: we can look at Ingham County pop—but then have to look at economics—complicated. Sheriff: should look at the total cost with the collaborations—why it makes sense to contract with SO because of the economies of scale. Pat V: thinks important for BOC to understand townships are paying their fair share. At what the SO charges--could save the City of Pontiac \$1 million, what Oakland is charging would be \$2 million. (Greg: important to talk about PSU so people understand more than cost of deputy.)

Sheriff: cost moving forward—hopes baseline will be the 2011 cost of \$150,000 plus. POAM vote today on cost adjustments—may save substantial amount of money for the \$20 million deficit. Pat Kelly—are they opening contract? Sheriff: not opening, but making concessions on wages and benefits—POAM and COAM would save \$3 million (extend contract a couple of years). Sheriff: align with contract policing—unions are good partners.

McFarlane: likes the idea of tying cost increases to actual marker item increases. Distinguish items that are minimal.

Sheriff: does group think this is the way to go.

Dieter were some issues—housing of contract deputies --resolved—new annual bid effective 2011—if is going to be an extended assignment in a contract area then have to move their station (a month or more). Taking into account employee needs and contracting entity's needs—helps everyone—going forward will help areas like Manchester). Pat K: creates more flexibility. Filipiak: we wouldn't wait for a month to reassign—would be when we know the leave will be over a month.

Dieter: other issue when have backfill deputy that goes on extended leave—wants to work through with group.

Sheriff: does it make sense to have a different group handle the operational issues? Bill McFarlane: happy if Financial Sub-Committee handles—confidence in MM ability to represent the township jurisdictions. Pat K: shouldn't get into SO operational issues. Sheriff: issues affect all the groups then ok for group to handle. Pat V: We should make a list of the things to be handled. Pat V: lot for smaller group. Sheriff: could the big group handle? Pat K: on a case to case basis. Greg: is a lot of work to do to implement sub-committee. Pat K:

thinks best plan is for SO to come up with a fix bring to full PSSC—operational issues presented to large group.

Greg: PSSC and Financial Sub-Committee membership. Greg:—do all Financial Sub-Committee members want to continue—need to replace some members who have moved on. Ken: thinks the PSSC has come a long way with the BOC. Cost being accepted was a big issue. Ken recommends important BOC members stay involved. Sheriff: thanks Comm. Schwartz for his help with this committee—very much appreciated. Pat V: membership—initially Ypsi Township wanted two members on the Committee –thinks we need to look at—is it still appropriate—do they feel is still needed—scheduling conflicts affect both—makes for quorum problems. Mike Radzik: not sure. Pat K: hopes AA Commissioners will be represented. Pat K: thinks should have all perspectives at the table. Ken: also areas that don't contract, KJ has own Dept., etc. Ken thinks since Sheriff and Greg became involved PSSC has made great strides. Sheriff: no terms—PSSC resolution speaks to jurisdictions. Ken: it has worked that this has been a large committee—large broad based spectrum—carries weight downtown.

Sheriff: will send something out—capturing targets for 2011.

6. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Next Meeting

January 5, 2011 (changed to January 19, 2011)

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Washtenaw County Western Service Center

705 North Zeeb Road

Lower Level MSU Conference Room

Approved by Committee: January 19, 2011