

POLICE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, November 16, 2009

2:00pm – 3:30pm
705 North Zeeb Road

Members:

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

Members Present: Jerry Clayton, William McFarlane, Mike Moran, Mark Ouimet, Kenneth Schwartz, Brenda Stumbo, Kenneth Unterbrink, Pat Kelly

Members Absent: Roland Sizemore, Patricia Vaillencourt, Paul Bunten, Jeff Irwin, Karen Lovejoy-roe

County Staff Present: Bob Guenzel (County Administrator) SiRui Huang (budget)

Sheriff Leadership Present: Director Greg Dill, Commander Dieter Heren, Lt. Jim Anuskiewicz, Exec. Assist. Kathy Wyatt

Others Present: Kristin Judge (BOC), Courtney Nichells (Dexter), Wes Prater (BOC), Mike Radzik (Ypsilanti Township), Spaulding Clark (Scio Twp), David Fedro (Scio Twp), Mary Morgan (Ann Arbor Chronicle)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Facilitator Dill, 2:07 pm, at the Washtenaw County Western Service Center Building, 705 North Zeeb Road, MSU Conference Room.

2. Approval of Minutes

The September 2, 2009, *PSSC* meeting minutes were approved by Committee.

3. Citizen Participation

None.

4. Committee Check-In

The PSSC Financial Sub-Committee is charged with working toward the cost of a contracting deputy. The Sheriff asked that the PSSC Financial Sub-Committee charge include exploring anything related to the cost of a deputy. A major outlier is costs around fleet. The SO is working with the County Budget Office (Bob Mossing) around fleet. The Sheriff would like the Sub-Committee charge to include an approach for adding contract deputies. The Sheriff wanted to expand the language and scope of the charge to include managing contracts (adding, cost, taking away deputies). Approved.

The Sheriff requested that Mark Ouimet be officially added to the PSSC Financial Sub-Committee. Approved.

5. Discussion of Policy for Adding Contract Deputies

Background: Scio Township requested in 2008 to add deputies (its public safety millage passed). SRP support has been reduced from 3 to 2 by the State of Michigan. The Willow Run School SRO contract was not extended. The Augusta millage was not renewed to support there one deputy. The SO has 3 deputies that Scio can provide a revenue source for. On Dec. 2, the SO will take a resolution to the BOC Ways and Means asking that Scio be allowed to expand its 5 deputies to 8. It would be cost neutral for the County.

Pat Kelly inquired as to why everyone wouldn't be in favor of this. Kristin J. said that some might argue that the County's contribution would go away. Mark O: stated that it is important to set a floor, so that the SO doesn't have to come back to the County Board every time there is a fluctuation—Townships and Villages would know what price they would be contracting at. Brenda S. noted that the budget that just passed included provision for 81 contract deputies. Pat Kelly wondered if anyone knew what amount 3 less deputies might save the County. Sheriff answered in the negative. Wes. P said the budget was a % increase of the price. Mark O and Bill M. agree with a two-tier system. Sheriff would like to get agreement/commitment from the county as to what the County commitment to police services is, then as long as the SO stays within that commitment, the price stays the same. Question was raised as to whether Scio change was about policy. The Sheriff said the proposal to the BOC re: Scio was just about Scio. (Emphasized was cost neutral.) The PSSC Financial Sub-Committee will be working on the policy as part of its expanded charge relating to all aspects of the cost of a contract deputy.

The Sheriff believes the Financial Sub-committee has gotten closer to the cost—the SO will continue to work with County budget. Greg D. noted the Sub-committee has looked at a lot of the OH and Indirect costs, but will need to drill deeper in some areas, are some outliers. Ken U. noted that SO should keep on radar the question of some non-contracting entities that may want to contract at lower price (policy language should address).

Bill M. noted that it was unfortunate the Ypsi millage did not pass—thinks it will if put back up. Believes there will be a negative impact on the County as a whole as well as Ypsi's immediate neighbors. Brenda S. said the budget without the millage is for 10 less deputies, that even if there were a special election, it wouldn't take place until next year. The Sheriff noted that over-all LE in the County is being reduced while CFS are going up. The Sheriff said the negative county-wide impact concerns everyone. The Sheriff noted that the SO is not willing to give up on losing 10 deputies and is exploring options. Bob G. and the Sheriff noted that the County is working with the SO around the contract issue related to the possible reductions. Brenda S. said the Ypsi Board has not met since the millage did not pass, but they do not have the fund balance to support retaining the deputies.

6. **Dispatch: Brief Update:**

Bob Guenzel noted that the 800 MHz Board approved funding for co-located dispatch. (He hopes Ypsi Dispatch will come in as well.) Bob said that co-location will cut costs, while improving public safety. He said this was a significant positive step achieved through the Sheriff's leadership.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned by facilitator Greg Dill at 2:43 pm.

Next Scheduled Meeting

December 2, 2009

4:00pm – 5:30pm

Washtenaw County Western Service Center

705 North Zeeb Road

Lower Level MSU Conference Room

Approved by Committee: 6-2-10
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