

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Thursday, July 14, 2022 – 4:00 p.m.  
Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room

Commissioners Present: Kevin Osbourne, Chair  
Don Gilmet  
Brenda Fournier

Others Present: Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator  
Kim MacArthur, County Board Assistant  
Kim Elkie, 911/Emergency Manager Director  
Erik Smith, Sheriff  
Wes Wilder, Maintenance Superintendent  
Kim Ludlow, County Treasurer (zoom)  
Lynn Bunting, County Board Assistant (zoom)  
Bill Forbush, City Fire Chief  
Cash Kroll, Undersheriff  
Ted Somers, Equalization Director  
Bill Pfeifer, MAC Administrator

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Kevin Osbourne called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

MOTION TO ADOPT AGENDA

Moved by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Kevin Osbourne discussed the leasing of vehicles from Enterprise for the Sheriff's Department. The cost to outfit a vehicle for police capability will be approximately \$11,000 each with half the money leased and the other half paid up front and possibly using some ARPA funding. Motion was made by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to approve recommendation on using a portion of ARPA funding (1/2 of \$11,000 per vehicle) to purchase the new Sheriff Department Vehicles from Enterprise to Finance Ways & Means Committee. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Fournier, and Osbourne. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Osbourne discussed the addressing red dot project. Emergency Manager/E911 Director Kim Elkie stated the red dot project was started by the state and Alpena County agreed to participate. Those addresses on the red dot list from the state need to be prioritized for first responder agencies so they can find these addresses quickly. Some addresses are out of sequence and on the wrong side of the road. Kim and Equalization Director Ted Somers went out today and delivered new address signs to residences to get them off the red dot list. This is a public safety issue and vacant properties do not have an address. Director Somers stated the Equalization office is now creating the green signs, not the township, and they are available to everyone, and they are giving them out to a person as soon as they get an address. Kim stated they would like City Fire Chief Forbush, Lieutenant Grimshaw, Sheriff Erik Smith, and City Police Chief Joel Jett's input on this project. Chair Osbourne would like to see feedback from sheriff department and fire department

and ambulance service to help notify address issues to equalization and 911 department to help solve these addressing issues.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah reported that the Equalization Office used to handle GIS data and at some point, it was split up and 911 is now taking on some of the GIS responsibilities. We currently have two licenses, one through 911 and one through Equalization. With two different entities entering information, mistakes can be made. The 911 Department partners with Coleman Engineering while Equalization partners with NEMCOG. Equalization has the master file in their office, and they can edit it, but they do not have enough staff to take on the GIS data to maintain it properly. Administrator Hannah reported counties that do not have a separate GIS department are held in their Equalization office. Discussion was made on a possible RFP or adding additional resources in the Equalization office for a couple of years. Chief Forbush would recommend green signs be available to those without an adequate address. Currently a gold sticker is attached on the mailbox and is hard to see. Director Elkie reported they got permission to order thousands of dollars of signs and number stickers with permission to pay out of the First Responder Millage which is important for people to know how that money is being used.

INFORMATION ITEM: Sheriff Erik Smith presented a quote from Motorola Solutions to purchase 6 in-car cameras and 14 body Watchguard cameras. The current cameras in the vehicles are 10-15 years old and out of date. Sheriff Smith would like to start with 6 in car cameras to be outfitted in the 6 cars from Enterprise for a 5-year term at a cost of \$68,000 for cameras and storage. Sheriff Smith stated the car cameras and body cameras interlink but the body cameras can also be run on their own. If the cameras are damaged or new technology comes out, they will be updated or sent new ones. There is a new car on the lot with no camera which would be a 7<sup>th</sup> in car camera to add with an additional cost of approximately \$13,000 which brings the new cost for 20 body cameras and 7 in-car cameras for 5 years to \$113,000 in which ARPA money can be used. Motion made by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to send to Finance Ways & Means Committee and recommend \$20,218 on a 5-year contract subscription fee. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Fournier, Gilmet, and Osbourne. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: MAC Administrator Attorney Bill Pfeifer updated the committee on the FY22 MIDC Grant with just finishing the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and reports being due July 31<sup>st</sup>. Financial reports for FY22 have been sent into the Commissioner's office. They are almost halfway through spending this year's funds and he anticipates by the end of the year, September 30<sup>th</sup>, most of the grant money should be spend.

INFORMATION ITEM: MAC Administrator Attorney Bill Pfeifer updated the Committee on the FY23 MIDC Grant Application. The application was submitted in April with a substantial increase in grant request from FY2022 at \$775,000. Three components for the increase were: 1) The public defender's office will have a full-time social worker; 2) Financial screening will be done in the public defender's office; and 3) Potential charges for individuals in the two deaths which are not prosecuted yet. He anticipates we will have the grant contract sometime in September and will ask for approval at committee and full board.

INFORMATION ITEM: Administrator Hannah updated the committee on the civil attorney contract (attachment #1). One attorney decided not to sign the contract and attorney Emilee Manning agreed to the contract but only taking on juvenile cases. The other two attorneys Justin Wilson and Katy Conklin will have an increase in pay due to Emilee only taking on certain case and this will not affect the overall cost to the County. Administrator Hannah prefers in 2023 individual contracts be sent out to attorneys. Motion was made by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Gilmet to

send contract to Full Board for review. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Gilmet, Fournier, and Osbourne. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Administrator Hannah presented an ambulance fund EMS training reimbursement request to the committee for Jacob Trelfa in the amount of \$850 (attachment #2). Chief Forbush stated the current policy is \$500 for medical first responder training. Motion was made by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to recommend below action item. Roll call vote was taken: AYES: Commissioners Fournier, Gilmet, and Osbourne. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM #1: The Committee recommends approval of Wilson Township Fire & Rescue's Ambulance Fund EMS Training Reimbursement request for Jacob Trelfa in the amount of \$500 after receiving proper documentation as presented.**

Discussion was made on reviewing the current policy for the Ambulance Fund EMS training reimbursement for change. Motion was made by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Gilmet to bring policy back to Committee for review. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah presented and updated the committee with the monthly ambulance fund report. Motion was made by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to receive and file the ambulance fund report. Motion carried.

INFORMATION ITEM: Administrator Hannah discussed the CIP progress. She reported the City has withdrawn their request and are no other requests outside the County.

INFORMATION ITEM: Chair Osbourne presented the Medical Examiner monthly reports. Motion was made by Commissioner Gilmet and supported by Commissioner Fournier to receive and file the Medical Examiner monthly reports. Motion carried.

**OTHER DISCUSSION:**

Chief Forbush updated the Committee of a lifesaving commendation for off-duty Firefighter/Paramedic Adrienne Thompson on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the City Council meeting for saving a life while off duty. He invited any Commissioner that would like to attend.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Brandon Good addressed the committee with his concern about police violating rights and other police issues he feels are a problem with law enforcement. Chair Osbourne thanked him and stated the Committee will take under review and Commissioner Fournier thanked him for coming to the meeting.

**\*Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the Howard Male Conference Room/Zoom Room**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Commissioner Fournier and supported by Commissioner Gilmet to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

*Kevin Osbourne*

Kevin Osbourne, Chairman

*Kim MacArthur*

Kim MacArthur, Board Assistant

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