WORKING MEETING  
August 24, 2018  

Convened: 1:00 PM  

Present: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Vrablic, Commissioner Kolcz, Commissioner Hazelbaker. Commissioner Norris arrived at 1:04pm.  

Also Present: Donald Reid of the Daily Reporter, Jim Measel-WTVB, Undersheriff Eichler, Ann Vrablic-Treasurer, Drain Commissioner-Mike Hard, County Complex Manager-Scott Walls, Danny Corwin, Beverly Gearhart and Administrator Bud Norman.  

Agenda was approved.  

PERSONNEL, PLANS & POLICY (Commissioner Norris)  
None  

SHERIFF & PUBLIC SAFETY (Commissioner Kolcz)  

911 Report  

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(CNE – Community Network Enrollment)  

Life Care Ambulance Report  
Tim Miner reported the following numbers for July: 217 Priority 1 Responses; Late – 36 (81.4%). There were 165 Priority 3 Responses, 4 Citizen Assistance Calls, 73 Pre-Scheduled/Interfacility, and 6 Public Service/Event Coverage.  
He also stated that they have received the final new truck for this budget year. The next time they receive trucks they will be the new style.
**Sheriff Report**
Undersheriff Eichler spoke to the Committee regarding the current road patrol coverage. He provided a hand out showing the difference in coverage from 2017 to 2018. In 2017, with 9 road deputies, there were 537 calls = 59 each per day. In 2018, with 5 deputies, and average of 370 calls per day= 74 each per day. They are having a hard time filing the vacant positions. Any interested candidates have turned down the positions due to the low wage being offered. They have had no applicants since May to fill the part time positions that are available.

**Undersheriff Report (July 2018)**
- Total Arrests: 46
- Total Citations: 116 of the 116, Secondary Road: 70
- Traffic Accidents: 22 on the Interstate
- Total Car/Deer Accidents: 13
- Inmate Transport: 27.5 hours
- Fatal Accidents: 0
- Reserve Deputies: 183.50 hours
- Posse: 0 hours
- Marine Patrol: 523 hours
- Overtime: Road patrol –108 hours
- Corrections – 257 hours
- Court-32 hours
- 52 pounds of prescription drugs collected.
- 0- Meth Lab.
- Foreclosures – For this year 34 – Sales, 145 – prepared $2,068,381.00

**Jail Administrator’s Report (July 2018)**
- Average Daily Count for July: 122
- Average break down: 109 males/15 females

As of 8/1/18 count is **116 with 16 females & 4 females boarded out to other Counties**
Jail Incidents for July: 68

**HOUSE (Commissioner Hazelbaker)**

**Request to Purchase Equipment-Sheriff Department**
The Jail received new computers. The camera that is used for bookings is not compatible with the new computer. A quote was received from Superior in the amount of $3,470 for a Sony PTZ Camera. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by [Name] and seconded by [Name] that approval is given to Sheriff’s Department to purchase the Sony PTZ Camera from Superior in the amount of $3,470.00.

**Blackhawk Dam Incident (Drain Commissioner/Emergency Manager)**
Drain Commissioner Mike Hard and Emergency Manager Tim Miner spoke to the Committee on the recent event that took place with the Blackhawk Dam. He credited the property owner for noticing that something wasn’t right with the dam and called. Mr. Hard has been working with DEQ and they feel the structure is now stable. They will be cutting into the cement to place a camera to see if there is a void. Mr. Hard said there is grant money available to remove the dam, but nothing to rebuild it. A question was asked as to when the dam was last inspected. Mr. Hard responded that it was last year and there were no indications of problems. The structure was rebuilt in 1984, on top of the previous structure that had failed in 1983. It was noted that the Blackhawk dam holds back 38 million gallons of water. 80 parcels are affected which includes about 40 – 50
residents. He has a tentative plan that has to be approved by DEQ. If the dam was removed it would not cause any issues downstream. It would cause property values to decrease. These 40 – 50 residents would be paying the cost of replacement.

Mr. Hard said there will be a lot if investigating and testing to see which way they go from here. He commended everyone that had a hand in helping and it was amazing to see the quick response with getting equipment at the site.

Emergency Manager Tim Miner spoke to the Committee on their role in the situation. A flood watch was put out for significant flooding of the Coldwater River, with potential failure of the dam, for the Pilot Knob area. Flyers were handed out to each residence at Willow and Lucky Drives to advise them of the situation.

**RFQ for Jail (Update)**
Administrator Norman discussed the Jail RFQ (request for qualification). He provided a hand out to the Committee showing the timeline. The Pre-RFQ meeting will be held on 9/5/18, those that want to apply must attend. RFQ submission will be accepted until 9/28/18. RFQ opening 10/1/18, then the RFQ review 10/4/18 - 10/11/18. The review team will consist of a County Representative, Building Official, Electrical/Mechanical Official, Architect and Sheriff’s Representative. Alternates will be a Liability Representative and Maintenance Representative. The Board Review will take place on 10/18/18 or 11/8/18.

**FINANCE**

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**Bills & Accounts**
Administrator Norman presented a summary of the Bills and Accounts (Jail Operations-Board and Care-32%, Computer Services Contract-17%, Building Repair and Maintenance-11%, Jail Operations-Commissary Supplies-8% and Supplies-6%) to make up 74% of the invoices. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by [Name] and seconded by [Name] to approve the Bills and Accounts in the amount of $395,400.46

**L-4029**
The committee reviewed the Amended 2018 L-4029 Tax Rate Request submitted by Equalization. This includes the recently passed Jail Mileage. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by [Name] and seconded by [Name] to approve the Amended 2018 L-4029 Report, as submitted.

**LEGISLATIVE**

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<th>Resolution Opposing Legalization of Marijuana for General Use (Otsego County)</th>
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A copy of a Resolution opposing legalization of Marijuana for general use from Otsego County was provided to the committee. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by [Name] and seconded by [Name] that approval is given for Branch County to adopt a Resolution Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana for General Use.
Resolution Opposing Bating Ban with State of Michigan (Huron County)
A copy of Tuscola County’s Resolution in opposing HB 6049 and SB 1025 was provided to the Committee for their review.

Call to Public: Dan Corwin spoke to the committee regarding the Blackhawk dam, the road patrol issue, and the Administrators Contract. He also asked about the policy for signing petitions on courthouse property.

Beverly Gearhart spoke to the committee on the dam issue, as she is a property owner in the Pilot Knob area, as well as concerns of no road patrol coverage on nights and weekends. She would like an honest open approach as what is being built with the new jail.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Submitted by: Commissioner Vrable Commissioner Kolcz Commissioner Gordon
Commissioner Hazelbaker Commission Norris