

WORKING MEETING

September 21, 2017

Convened: 10:00 am

Present: Commissioner Vrablic, Commissioner Kolcz, Commissioner Hazelbaker and Commissioner Norris

Absent: Commissioner Gordon

Also Present: Don Reid of the Daily Reporter, Jim Measel-WTVB, Tim Miner-Emergency Mgmt., Sheriff Pollack, Treasurer Vrablic, Prosecutor Kimble, State Representative Leutheuser and Administrator Bud Norman.

Agenda was approved. It was noted that the report from the State Representative may be moved up in the agenda.

PERSONNEL, PLANS & POLICY **(Commissioner Vrablic)**

Intergovernmental Contract - SWMBH

Commissioner Hazelbaker explained that it was time to renew the contract with Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH). The current contract expires on 12/31/2017. The term of the new contract is 3 years and would expire 12/31/20. SWMBH represents 8 community mental health authorities, including Branch County. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the renewal of the Intergovernmental contract presented by Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health.

By Laws-Michigan Workforce Development Board

An amendment to the by-laws for the Michigan Works! Southwest Workforce Development Board was presented to the committee for review. The terms of the board members are going to be changed so that they are staggered. This Board represents Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the amended by-laws for the Michigan Works! Southwest Workforce Development Board, as presented.

Staffing Request – 911

911 Director Kurt Spalding, submitted a written request to immediately fill a dispatcher position, as he had someone recently resign. This is a POAM union position with a starting wage of \$13.26 per hour, with new hire benefits. The Committee Recommends:

Motion by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve the request to fill a 911 dispatcher, POAM union position, with a starting wage of \$13.26 per hour, with new hire benefits, effective immediately.

State Representative Update

State Representative Leutheuser provided an update for the committee. He spoke about Road Patrol funding; tax foreclosures, unfunded mandates and a Convention of States. Leutheuser also noted that there have been workgroup discussions regarding auto insurance reforms and reform of OPEB. He also provided information regarding revenue sharing and appropriations.

Staffing Request – Prosecutor’s Office (timeline)

The Prosecutor submitted a letter to the committee providing some caseload information. A timeline showing when office staff had left and when new employees were hired in the Prosecutor’s office was also provided, as requested. All of the information will be reviewed and the staffing request will be put on the next work meeting agenda.

Reclassification Request-County Clerk

Clerk Kubasiak submitted a letter requesting to reclassify the Deputy Clerk positions from the current GELC level 6 to GELC level 7. The request will be referred to the Reclassification Committee for their review.

SHERIFF & PUBLIC SAFETY **(Commissioner Kolcz)**

911 Report

The 911 Director provided a written report for review. August 2017: Law Enforcement: 4,284 (2017) 3,708 (2016), Fire: 313 (2017) 259 (2016), Emergency Medical: 307 (2017) 292 (2016). Total Events: 5,309 (2017), 4,843 (2016)

CodeRED Totals:

National Call Business:	1,462	National Call Residential:	11,274
CNE Business:	203	CNE Residential	3,846
Business Total:	1,665	Residential Total:	15,120
National Call Phones:	12,736	Texts:	2,537
CNE Phones:	4,137	Emails:	1,790
Phone Total:	16,873	Weather Warning:	3,725

(CNE – Community Network Enrollment)

Emergency Management Report

Tim Miner reported that they are finishing up the school planning drills, working on site planning with some existing and new industry and are reformatting the Countywide emergency action guidelines. It will be coming back to the Board Chair for review in the next couple of months. They have also received their storm ready certification.

LifeCare Ambulance Report

Tim Miner reported the following numbers for August: 213 Priority 1 Responses; Late – 36 (83.1%).

There were

142- Priority 3 Responses, 1-Citizen Assistance Calls, 64-Pre-Scheduled/Interfacility, and 6-Public Service/Event Coverage.

Miner also reported that Branch County’s numbers have remained steady compared to other counties. He noted that they are putting new vehicles out on the road.

Undersheriff Report (August 2017)

Total Arrests: 54
Total Citations: 241 of the 241, Secondary Road: 93
Traffic Accidents: 17 1 on the Interstate
Total Car/Deer Accidents : 10
Fatal Accidents: 0
Inmate Transport 25.5 hours

Reserve Deputies: 403 hours
Posse: 0 hours
Overtime: Road patrol – 478 hours Corrections – 215 hours Court – 31.5 hours
21 pounds of prescription drugs collected.
1 Meth Lab.

Foreclosures – For August 4 Sales 21 prepared \$230,410.00
Total for 2017: 43 Sales 116 prepared \$3,007,532.74

Jail Administrator’s Report (August 2017)

Average Daily Count for August: 131
Average break down: 107 males/24 females
As of 9/08/17 count was 138 with 22 females and 9 females boarded out at other Counties.
Jail Incidents for August: 48

Animal Control

August 2017: Total Animal Intake: 16; Total Disposition 16; Licenses Sold as of 8/30/17: 4391

Marine Patrol

August 2017: 187.25 hours logged; total warnings: 57; total citations issue: 7

Service Recognition

We have one employee that will be invited to attend a meeting in October to receive a certificate.

HOUSE (Commissioner Hazelbaker)

Soil Erosion Ordinance – Amendment (Drain Commissioner)

The Administrator stated that the DEQ is requiring that additional changes be made to the Branch County Soil Erosion Ordinance. The language in Chapter 2; Definitions – “Landowners” needs to have language added and the “Rules” under the same chapter needs to have language deleted. The Committee recommends:

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to approve the amendments to Soil Erosion Ordinance; Chapter 2: Definitions –“Landowners” and “Rules”, as presented.

Animal Control Building – Update

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new animal control building is set of Friday, October 6th at 10am.

