

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Supervisor Dan Degear
Supervisor Loren Corbin

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
Board Chairman John Becker
Supervisor Yvonne Nirelli
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
Director of Public Defenders Paul Hadley
Director of Emergency Management Ted Halpin
Fire Coordinator Doug Shattuck
Sheriff Todd Hood
Undersheriff RJ Lenhart
Probation Director Joanne Miller
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
County Magistrate Donald Haight

ABSENT: Vice Chairman Roger Bradstreet
Supervisor Tom Boylan

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:03 a.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Supervisor Dan Degear and second of Chairman Pete Walrod.

District Attorney:

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari presented the Bail, Arraignments & Centralized Arraignment Plan along with information on the number of arraignments in 2018, which totaled 450. After review and discussion, Supervisor Degear made a motion to approve the plan to be forwarded to the Board for adoption. Board Chairman Becker seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Emergency Management:

Director of Emergency Management Ted Halpin presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing Attendance at an Out of State Conference

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Corbin.

Authorizing Approval of the EMS Mutual Aid Plan

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Walrod and second of Degear.

Adding Additional Electrical Work to the Site for the County Emergency Management Training Facility

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Corbin.

Probation:

Probation Director Joanne Miller reported that the department is fully staffed as of February. Two of their newest officers will be attending mandated probation officer fundamentals training. Probation Officer Dan Gilbert will be attending an Instructor Development Course in Onondaga County, a Defensive Tactics Instructor School in Monroe County and an Aerosol Spray Restraint Training.

Miller reported that Raise the Age juvenile numbers have been low so far. The arrest numbers for Madison County were actually up significantly during the first half of 2018, however after Raise the Age went into effect, numbers dropped dramatically. Miller reported that there is language in the Governor's proposed budget that would prohibit the placement of youth adjudicated as PINS. It was previously proposed that these youth could be placed, but at county expense. The language is now that there will be a prohibition of placement of PINS youth if the budget passes as currently written.

Legalization of marijuana does not seem as imminent as initially thought. The next legislation to likely have a significant impact on probation departments is the elimination of bail. This will likely result in many more people being placed on pre-trial supervision with probation. The department discontinued its electronic monitoring program several years ago, however it may be necessary to re-implement it if there are a high number of defendants released under Probation's supervision pending disposition of their cases. Miller is reluctant to re-start the program as she feels it gives a false sense of security.

Miller was nominated to the Vice President of the State Probation Director's Association. The election will occur at the June conference.

Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Todd Hood presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

Authorizing Chairman to Modify and Extend Agreement with UMR

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Corbin.

Authorizing Attendance at Out Of State Conference – Baltimore, MD (DSS)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Walrod.

Authorizing Attendance at Out Of State Conference – Huntsville, AL (MH)

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Walrod.

Authorizing the Modification of the 2019 Adopted County Budget – Vehicle Lease

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Degear and second of Walrod.

In regards to resource officers in schools, Sheriff Todd Hood wanted to clarify that the schools are responsible for paying officers that work over eight hours a day. The County is only responsible for eight regular workday hours.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Board Chairman Becker to enter into executive session at 9:31 a.m. to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person. Supervisor Degear seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Board Chairman Becker to exit executive session at 10:04 a.m. Supervisor Degear seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Other Committee Business:

Supervisor Yvonne Nirelli shared her concerns with the new single point of entry security. A special meeting will be scheduled prior to the April 9th Board Meeting to further discuss security concerns with the new construction, and Director of Emergency Management Ted Halpin will provide an update on the status of the Active Assailant working group.

Preferred Agenda:

The Committee unanimously approved including all resolutions in the Committee's Preferred Agenda on a motion of Degear and second of Walrod.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 10:42 a.m. on the motion of Chairman Walrod and second of Supervisor Degear.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Paul H. Walrod and approved on April 9, 2019.