

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2019

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Vice Chairman Roger Bradstreet
Supervisor Dan Degear
Supervisor Loren Corbin
Supervisor Tom Boylan

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
County Clerk Michael Keville
Supervisor Yvonne Nirelli
Supervisor Alex Stepanski
Supervisor Cliff Moses
Director of Emergency Management Ted Halpin
Director of IT Paul Lutwak
Undersheriff RJ Lenhart
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
County Attorney Intern Sabastian Piedmont

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Large Conference Room.

Minutes:

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

Discussion - Single Point of Entry Security:

Undersheriff Lenhart advised the committee that we may need to add another officer if we add a baggage scanner and magnetometer at the single point of entry. Lenhart stated we will start with three officers and see how it goes but to be aware they will probably need a fourth person.

County Clerk Michael Keville explained that the added security would not make the building more meaningfully safer and would change the character of our County building. Keville stated how people come to Wampsville because we're not like that. Undersheriff Lenhart indicated that even TSA checkpoints allow 95% of illegal contraband through. That is a 95% failure rate. Keville believes that the trade-off of only a slightly higher level of safety for such a significant added inconvenience would be the wrong move. Vice Chairman Bradstreet disagreed saying that safety was a major concern for all involved. It was announced that there will be no extra equipment and a minimum of three officers on for opening day. Keville asked the committee to consider allowing some time to get communications out to the public before implementing policies.

Director of IT Paul Lutwak added that there would now be large monitors in the front entrance which would be a deterrent as well as cameras at every entrance, exit and in the hallways. Lutwak suggested we consider placing signs around that say under

video surveillance.

Director of Emergency Management Ted Halpin shared a handout with the Committee and discussed the Active Assailant Working Group Line of Effort. Halpin explained that there has been training on the use of duress buttons in each department.

Resolution :

Proclaiming April 2019 National Child Abuse Prevention & Sexual Assault Awareness Month in Madison County

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

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m. on the motion of Supervisor Degear and second of Chairman Walrod.

Next Meeting Date:

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

Respectfully submitted by Tricia Wiley on behalf of Chairman Paul H. Walrod.