

# Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2020  
Zoom

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod  
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin  
Supervisor Joe Ostrander

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone  
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari  
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith  
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell  
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear  
Sheriff Todd Hood  
Undersheriff RJ Lenhart  
Supervisor Cliff Moses

ABSENT: Supervisor TJ Stokes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 10:32 a.m. via Zoom.

## Minutes:

The minutes of the October 22, 2020 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice Chairman Loren Corbin and second of Supervisor Joe Ostrander.

## Sheriff's Office:

Sheriff Todd Hood presented the following resolution to the Committee:

### **Authorizing the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors to Modify an Agreement - Cleaning Pros**

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

Discussion: First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell noted that he had reviewed this and that there was a clerical error on the prior resolution which stated \$120 per week when it should have been \$130 per week. This resolution corrects the prior resolution and does not change any other terms of the agreement.

## Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear presented the following resolutions to the Committee:

### **Authorizing the Application To and Approval of a Federal Emergency Management Agency 's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities**

### **(BRIC) Program Grant**

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

Discussion: Chairman Walrod asked Degear to give some background on this and why it was being discussed in Emergency Management rather than Highway. Degear stated that this was part of the County's strategic mitigation efforts. A few years ago the State did a study of issues in Madison County that needed to be mitigated. There is a list of projects that didn't get funded, and we are trying to continue with projects as long as we get grant funding. Degear said that this was a FEMA Grant which is a 75%/25% match.

### **Authorizing the Chairman to Enter into an Agreement with the Town of Eaton**

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

### **Authorizing the Memorandum of Understanding for Emergency First Responder Training for the Year 2021**

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

Discussion: Degear noted that this was an annual agreement with fire departments for use of the Training Center. It states that the Committee has reviewed the agreement for another year.

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear informed the Committee that he had a conversation with the Canal Corp. Degear called them looking for an update on the Lake Moraine Dam. New York has engaged engineers from AE COM to consult in the management of Madison County Dams to assist with Lake Moraine and develop a multi-year plan for dams in Madison County. Lake Moraine remains at the top of the priority list. Conceptual design is expected by the end of the year and the final design/bid documents are anticipated in 18-24 months. Construction would be in the fall of 2022 at the earliest. Degear stated that the Weir Box situation continues to be an immediate need and noted they are working with the land owner for a solution. The valve house in Lake Moraine is no longer safe to go into. There will be short-term repairs in the near future. Degear also informed the Committee that Eatonbrook has a valve that is stuck open which is located 40' below grade in a shaft which is creating safety issues.

Degear stated that billing cycles are sometimes four to five months behind services in EMS which means that EMS revenues are now realizing the financial hit from the COVID low call volumes. Agencies are struggling in Madison County, and this remains a high concern for OEM.

Director Degear shared a graph on recent COVID numbers with the Committee. We are at the highest we have been since late May and are paying very close attention to it. Degear stated that we may need to go back to ICS structure and there may be a need for rapid decisions again. County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith asked at what point we would need to have MAC and JIC again. Degear said it would be based on what the Chairman wants to do and noted that we are not currently in a state of

emergency and that it was lifted on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**District Attorney :**

Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari reported that they have some serious cases going forward and are hoping they can do trials again someday.

**Other Committee Business:**

Chairman Walrod asked County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith for an update on the Assigned Counsel progress. Wayland-Smith stated that they had a meeting with Dave later in the morning to get an update on what he is doing. Dave has reached out to all of the judges in the County and he was close to having his plan all done. Has lawyers set up to appear in each court, has talked to Bob about arraignments and needs to talk to Dan Degear about E-911. Wayland-Smith noted that they need to have Dave available for the next Criminal Justice committee meeting so that he can give the Committee information on what he has done.

**Preferred Agenda:**

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

**Adjournment:**

The Committee adjourned at 10:53 a.m. on the motion of Corbin and second of Ostrander.

**Next Meeting Date:**

**TBD**

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