

Criminal Justice, Public Safety and Emergency Communications Committee

Special Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Zoom

PRESENT: Chairman Pete Walrod
Vice Chairman Loren Corbin
Supervisor Joe Ostrander
Supervisor Cliff Moses
Supervisor Bill Zupan

ALSO: County Administrator Mark Scimone
County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith
First Assistant County Attorney Jeff Aumell
Chief Assistant District Attorney Robert Mascari
Emergency Management Director Dan Degear
Undersheriff RJ Lenhart
Public Information Officer Samantha Field

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pete Walrod at 9:03 a.m. via Zoom.

Minutes:

The minutes of the February 18, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved on the motion of Vice Chairman Loren Corbin and second of Supervisor Bill Zupan.

Other Committee Business:

Public Information Officer Samantha Field went over the highlights of the Police Reform Plan for the Madison County Sheriff's Office with the Committee. Some changes and new policies put in place are the training of deputies in Crisis Intervention which will happen over the next three years as it is a 40 hour training, the new Mental Health Call Diversion Policy which will go into effect in March and a new Records Management System at the Sheriff's Office. Field stated that some improvements to the complaint process were also done. There is now a form on the website that you can fill out and submit which would go to the Sheriff, Undersheriff, Captain and County Administrator. There is a compliment form as well. Three public comment sessions were held including taking in mailings and emails for public comment on the draft plan. It was suggested by Emergency Management Director Dan Degear that where it says in the plan summary that the Sheriff's Office will implement these policies for the Records Management System and the Mental Health Call Diversion Policy we add "in coordination with 911 or Emergency Management". Degear said he was currently looking at a new CAD system that would integrate the Records Management System. Field stated that it was in the plan that it would be up to the Madison County Board of Supervisors to approve.

Public Information Officer Field thanked everyone for getting together for the meeting so we could get the plan passed and in time for the March 9th Board Meeting.

The Committee thanked Sam for her efforts on the plan.

The following resolution was presented to the Committee:

Authorizing the Adoption of the Madison County Sheriff's Office Police Reform and Reinvention Collaboration Plan

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

Discussion: County Attorney Tina Wayland-Smith recommended that a sentence be added at the end that authorizes the Chairman to sign the Plan Certification Form and submit it to the NYS Division of Budget. The change will be added and was unanimously approved on the motion of Corbin and second of Ostrander.

Sheriff's Office:

The following resolution was presented to the Committee:

Authorizing the Modification of the 2021 Adopted County Budget – Appropriation of State Forfeitures

The Committee unanimously approved the resolution on the motion of Zupan and second of Moses.

Emergency Management:

Emergency Management Director Dan Degear discussed the MCICS User Agreements and a particular agency.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Supervisor Moses to enter into executive session at 9:19 a.m. for the advice of counsel. Supervisor Ostrander seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Supervisor Zupan to exit executive session at 9:31 a.m. Supervisor Moses seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

The Committee adjourned at 9:33 a.m. on the motion of Moses and second of Zupan.

Next Meeting Date:

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

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