

COUNTY OF WEXFORD
HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2022

The Human Resources / Public Safety Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Michael Bengelink at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Brian Potter, and Gary Taylor
Members Absent: None.
Also Present: Duane Alworden, Central Dispatch Director; Travis Baker, Emergency Management Director; Jami Bigger, Deputy County Administrator/HR Director; Kathy Cline, Veterans Services Director; Carol Dehnbostel, Airport Authority Applicant; Alan Deveraux, MMR; Megan Kujawa, Sr. Exec Admin Assistant; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; Roxanne Snyder, Register of Deeds; and Sheriff Trent Taylor.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bush to approve the agenda. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Potter to approve the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Sheriff's Office Monthly Report (May 2022)

Sheriff Taylor was present; a report was provided in the packet. Sheriff Taylor informed the committee that there are currently 81 inmates, 18 of those are being housed for Kalkaska. This week they will be conducting interviews for the Deputy Cadet scholarship, they are interviewing 18 applicants. Deputy Hoffman is doing well in her field training. They had 13 applicants for the Administrative Assistant position, they presented an offer to one but she needed the day to think about it. Still waiting on a few new patrol cars, it is unknown where they are at and the status of those vehicles.

G.2. MMR Monthly Update (May 2022)

Alan Deveraux, MMR, was present; a report was not provided in the packet. Mr. Deveraux informed the committee that Paul Owens will be leaving MMR and that Amy Fairchild will be taking over as the operations manager and she is based out of Traverse City. He hopes that she will be able to make it to either a committee meeting or a Board of Commissioners meeting to introduce herself. Staffing is good, there are 12 students that passed the EMT course through Baker College and just need to take their state testing, which MMR will hopefully be able to hire them and put them on the road. There is an uptick in paramedics and classes are becoming more available and wages are increasing. No other reported issues or concerns.

G.3. Emergency Management Monthly Report (May 2022)

Travis Baker, Emergency Management Coordinator, was present; a report was provided in the packet. Mr. Baker informed the committee that he has been working with the local schools and teachers for trainings in emergencies. He is working on a security manual that will be a basic tool to be given to department heads and employees once it is completed and approved by the board.

G.4. Central Dispatch Monthly Report (May 2022)

Duane Alworden, Central Dispatch Director, was present; a report was provided in the packet. Mr. Alworden informed the committee that the phones are up and working properly now after having the meetings with the phone service provider. Mr. Alworden wanted to mention that him and Mr. Baker did go up to Gaylord after the tornado and their Emergency Management and Central Dispatch utilized the Code Red system and it worked better than the sirens. He asks that everyone try to push signing up for Code Red. Mr. Alworden intends to mention it to Cadillac News.

Chairman Bengelink stated that it should be brought up to schools for faculty, parents, and students to utilize.

G.5. Veterans Services Monthly Report (May 2022)

Kathy Cline, Veterans Services Director, was present; a report was provided in the packet. Ms. Cline informed the committee that the expo on May 21st was a huge success. There were over 600 people in attendance and there were 84 booths. On the 24th of May the World War II Memorial Wall was unveiled; 42 shadow boxes have been hung. There were two 96 year old World War II Veterans that attended along with their families. There was another family that came forward with a veteran that was killed in action that was not on the wall but will be getting a shadow box placed. There is continued work for the World War I wall.

G.6. Community Corrections (May 2022)

Mistine Stark, Community Corrections Manager, was not present; a report was provided in the packet. No discussion took place.

G.7. Airport Authority Application – Carol Dehnbostel

Chairman Bengelink spoke with Ms. Dehnbostel and stated with her on the board it will make it full. Ms. Dehnbostel was previously on the board for 14 years before deciding to take a step back in July of 2018. Comm. Potter asked why she felt the need to step back, Ms. Dehnbostel responded that she was doing extra work and didn't feel that it was appreciated. Over the 14 years that she was on the board she served as the secretary, treasurer, and even president.

A motion was made by Comm. Bush and supported by Comm. Taylor to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve Carol Dehnbostel's appointment to the Airport Authority with a term expiring December 31, 2023. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

G.8. Employee Recognition

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to the full board to present Certificates of Appreciation at the Board of Commissioners meeting on July 6, 2022 to Kimberly Recca, Roxanne Snyder, Trent Taylor, and Kristina Nottingham. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

G.9. Resolution 22-17 Recognizing Joe Porterfield

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to approve Resolution 22-17 Recognizing Joe Porterfield. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Administrator, Mr. Porterfield thanked the committee and staff for the resolution it was a shock when he saw in the packet. He appreciates how noticeable it is that the County appreciates their employees and the efforts that they put forth. Mr. Porterfield is looking into scanners to go along with the metal detector to check bags without having to go through them, also trying to figure out how to restrict citizens bringing bags in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

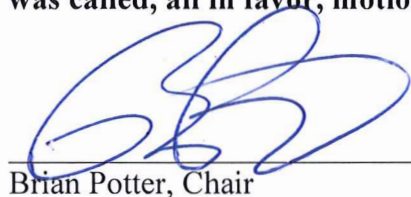
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CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bush to adjourn at 4:23 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor, motion passed.



Brian Potter, Chair



Megan Kujawa, Recording Secretary