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THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AT 7:30 P.M., IN PERSONNEL CONFERENCE ROOM (D & E), HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING, 5303 S. CEDAR, LANSING.

NOTE CHANGE IN TIME

Agenda

Call to Order

Approval of the [August 13, 2009 Minutes](#)

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Limited Public Comment

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LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

August 13, 2009

Minutes

Members Present: Dale Copedge, Marc Thomas, Victor Celentino,
Randy Schafer and Board Chairperson Deb DeLeon

Members Absent: Andy Schor, Dianne Holman

Others Present: John Neilsen, Becky Bennett, Janeil Valentine, Allan Spyke, Sam Davis,
Greg Harless, Stuart Dunnings, Bruce Gaukel, Joel Maatman, Sally Auer,
Nicholas DeWolf and Tamara Swihart

The Law Enforcement Committee meeting was called to order by Chairperson Copedge at 6:00 p.m., in Personnel Conference Room (D & E) of the Human Services Building at 5303 S. Cedar Street in Lansing.

Approval of the July 16, 2009 Minutes

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES WITH AMENDMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

ABSENT: Schor, Holman

Amendments: Page 4, Item 2, Paragraph replaced with the following text:

Comm. Holman asked if all of M/A-COM would become a division of Harris Corporation and Mr. Neilsen stated that only Tyco Electronics would no longer be a division of M/A-COM and all Tyco Electronics contracts would need to go to Harris Corporation. Comm. Copedge asked, "What about contract agreements?" Mr. Neilsen responded that the resolution would authorize the assignment of the current agreements over to the Harris Corporation and would solve any issues regarding contract agreements. He added that no personnel changes would directly affect their work with Ingham County.

Additions to the Agenda:

5.e. Out-of-State Travel Request for the Sheriff's Office

Limited Public Comment

Ms. Sally Auer, UAW Local 2256 Chairperson, representing Ingham County employees, referred to a "Hit List for Lay-off" that came out last Thursday. She stated that her UAW membership consists of one-third of all Ingham County employees, almost 400 individuals, and that out of 50 UAW positions that there were 21 cuts and eight with bodies in them. She expressed inability to understand how it would be beneficial to keep cutting away at your foundation when you are trying to build a house. She said she did not know what to tell her membership when it appeared that front-line people were most expendable.

Mr. Nicholas DeWolf of Alaieton Township, a 40-year Ingham County resident, reminded the Committee that he had presented facts identifying outlying townships and their tax dilemma in a

previous handout and reiterated some of those facts. He noted that there were few people in those outlying townships and they should not have to pay for services they do not use. He said he had pointed out to the Finance Committee that with a committee structure they would not have the total picture of where the costs and the activities are. He questioned the personnel increases for the Courts, Prosecuting Attorney's office and the Health Department while talks of Sheriff's Department cutbacks continued. He also questioned the total budget of 81 Million Dollars presented by the Controller and felt the Board of Commissioners should question that as well.

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO ALLOW MR. DeWOLF TO CONTINUE BEYOND THE THREE MINUTE LIMIT SO AS TO COMPLETE HIS ENTIRE REPORT. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ABSENT: Schor, Holman.

Mr. DeWolf continued quoting statistics and asked the Committee to review the 2010 budget and demand that the Controller present the 2008 Budget expenditures as a base and then justify the 2010 budget. He added that he had sent e-mails to Commissioners Grebner and DeLeon in response to the 2010 Budget.

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO APPROVE A CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

2. 911 Advisory Board - Controller/Administrator's Office - Resolution Authorizing the Site Alarm Project for the Public Safety Wireless Voice Communication System
3. Controller/Administrator's Office - Resolution Authorizing Contracts with Lansing and East Lansing for 911 Center 2009/2010 Operations
4. Integrated Justice Information Systems Group (IJIGS) – Resolution to Approve Modifications to On-Base Software and Services for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office
5. Sheriff's Office
 - b. Resolution to Accept \$250,000.00 from the 2009 State of Michigan JAG grant for the Purpose of Implementing a County-wide Booking System
 - d. Resolution Honoring Lieutenant Jeff Cook of the Ingham County Sheriff's Office

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO APPROVE THE ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
ABSENT: Schor, Holman

1. Prosecuting Attorney's Office - Resolution to Authorize a Re-organization within the Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Phase Two

MOVED BY COMM. THOMAS, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A RE-ORGANIZATION WITHIN THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE—PHASE TWO.

Prosecuting Attorney Stuart Dunnings explained how the paperless system would work and how they would be jockeying positions to accommodate the new procedures and would require only one new hire. There was a need for a Technical Imaging Coordinator who would have completely new responsibilities. It was noted that the UAW had approved the plan he presented.

Comm. Celentino asked what the total savings would be and the reply was a cost of \$7,000 a year but a total overall savings of \$125,000. Mr. Neilsen clarified that in a previous reorganization with them the total overall savings had amounted to \$85,700. The other savings Attorney Dunnings had referred to involved a 2-year grant of \$173,000, paying out each year for 2010 and 2011. Those new monies were reimbursement for doing child abuse and child neglect work and represented a new stream of income that was expected to continue on an annual basis.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ABSENT: Schor, Holman

Mr. Neilsen introduced City of Lansing interim 911 Director Bruce Gaukel.

5. Sheriff's Office
 - a. Resolution to Change the Ingham County Sheriff's Office Transport Unit Position Allocation List

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TRANSPORT UNIT POSITION ALLOCATION LIST.

Ingham County Undersheriff Allan Spyke stated that they presently had one sergeant and four deputies and compared it to a 2001 schedule when the allocation was one sergeant and six deputies. He felt that the position allocation should be consistent with the actual operations.

Comm. Celentino asked whether this was going to take away two positions. Undersheriff Spyke replied that the budget numbers for Field Services, Corrections and Staff Services did not add up to where bodies were actually working. He explained that the number assigned categorically in Field Services would not mean that they would be having two fewer people. He explained that as being the way the Budget Office allocated positions for the money that would be used to fund them.

Comm. Schafer inquired as to whether Corrections Officers were the same as deputies. Undersheriff Spyke said that Corrections would be different, but they were catching up with Law Enforcement. They do have licensed deputies working in Corrections, but cannot have unlicensed deputies working in Field Services.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ABSENT: Schor, Holman

- c. Resolution to Enter into a Contract with Canteen Services for the Food and Laundry Service Management at the Ingham County Correctional Facility

MOVED BY COMM. SCHAFER, SUPPORTED BY COMM. CELENTINO, TO SUPPORT A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CANTEEN SERVICES FOR THE FOOD AND LAUNDRY SERVICE MANAGEMENT AT THE INGHAM COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY.

Major Davis reported that the kitchen had been short one supervisor since 2008, leaving only three supervisors to serve over 700,000 inmate meals. A fourth supervisor was needed, but an interview search had not produced qualified people with the necessary interest and knowledge. Privatization was being done with success at a number of other facilities and Ingham County Correctional Facility did an RFP to see how that might be of benefit to them. They received two responses--Aramark and Canteen Services. There would be a savings of \$82,000 through privatization for running the jail kitchen and laundry. Canteen Services had offered the required professionalism, service and reliability for working with staff and inmates.

Comm. Copedge asked whether privatization would displace any staff members and was assured it would not. He further inquired as to contract language to cover strike provisions or other possible delays or interruptions to services. Major Davis replied that they would expect to deal with such occurrences as they would with any breach of contract with Ingham County. Mr. Neilsen noted that Canteen Services had been a vendor to the jail for years and Ms. Valentine added that considering Canteen Services business practices, willingness and experience that the comfort level was with them.

Board Chairperson DeLeon inquired whether laundry was still done on-site. The answer was "Yes" but it was added that off-site laundry might be considered later on. There was discussion on the condition of the present laundry appliances and Comm. Copedge suggested they might look toward more efficient appliances. Undersheriff Spyke said that was an excellent idea and they would look into that.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ABSENT: Schor, Holman

- e. Out-of -State Travel Request for the Sheriff's Office for Two Employees from the Corrections Division to Attend a Training Program with Their RMS Vendor Vision Air.

MOVED BY COMM. CELENTINO, SUPPORTED BY COMM. SCHAFER, TO APPROVE COSTS RELATED TO AN OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE FOR TWO EMPLOYEES FROM THE CORRECTIONS DIVISION TO ATTEND A TRAINING PROGRAM WITH THEIR RMS VENDOR VISION AIR.

Undersheriff Spyke requested approval for costs to send two Sheriff's Office employees—a Captain and a Sergeant--to North Carolina to attend a "Records Management" training program, stating there would be no use of General Fund monies—only staff time. He said they could use booking fees to pay for everything except the staff time away from the office.

Board Chairperson DeLeon inquired as to the appropriate use of booking fees. Undersheriff Spyke explained that booking fees were typically used for training. He described their need for risk management training, including having an on-site mock cell and noted that the booking fees would cover that training. Mr. Neilsen confirmed that a State of Michigan statute had previously authorized booking fees for training purposes.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. ABSENT: Schor, Holman

6. Board Referrals

- a. Letter from the Ingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition Regarding Proposed Reductions in Road Patrol
- b. Letter from the Leslie Police Chief Regarding the Possible Reduction in Road Patrol Service
- c. Letter from Edward and Cathy Kiernan Regarding Proposed Reductions to the Sheriff's Department Budget
- d. Letter from Joan Wright Regarding Proposed Reductions to the Sheriff's Department Budget
- e. Letter from Ronald and Ida Buntin Regarding Proposed Reductions to the Sheriff's Department Budget
- f. Letter from the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police Regarding Proposed Reductions in Road Patrol
- g. Letter from McCartney & Company, Forwarding the Annual Accounting for the Ingham County 9-1-1 Service District

Comm. Schafer alerted those present that having read some of the letters that he had noted many very strong feelings and concerns.

THE BOARD REFERRALS WERE RECEIVED AND PLACED ON FILE.

Updates

Mr. Neilsen announced they would be receiving the Controller's recommended budget officially at the next Board meeting.

Comm. Copedge mentioned a County Services meeting and expressed concerns about performance evaluations.

Announcements

Comm. Copedge announced a Census meeting on August 21, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the HSB Conference Rooms D&E.

Public Comment

Ms. Sally Auer of the UAW spoke as a representative of the three cooks in the Ingham County Correctional Facility kitchen. She said that they had worked during negotiations to reclassify them and they had agreed to eliminate the Chief Cook position. She said the UAW would

continue to work with them to allow privatization with the understanding that there would be no attempt to privatize the cooks at the jail.

Nicholas DeWolf reminded the Committee that the only way they would be able to identify budget problems would be to go back to 2001 and look at what previously had been going on. He suggested they consider doing pay freezes and benefit cuts. He reminded them that if they accepted federal money there would be general fund costs involved. He reiterated his opinion as to why they were having problems.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tamara A. Swihart