

POLICE SERVICES STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

June 7, 2017

4:00pm – 5:30pm

4135 Washtenaw Ave.

Members:

Jerry Clayton	Yes	Sheriff
Harley Rider	Yes	Dexter Township
Michael Moran	No	Ann Arbor Township
Ken Schwartz	No	Superior Township
Ruth Ann Jamnick	Yes	County Commissioner
Kent Martinez-Kratz	No	County Commissioner
Brenda Stumbo	Yes (Designee Mike Radzik)	Ypsilanti Township
Ed Toth	Yes	Chief of Police, Chelsea
Karen Lovejoy-Roe	No	Ypsilanti Township
Patricia Vaillencourt	Yes	Manchester Village

County Staff Present: Andrew DeLeeuw, County Finance

Sheriff Leadership Present: Cmdr. Marlene Radzik, Lt. Mike Marocco, Lt. Lisa King, Admin. Asst. Haley Gordon, SiRui Huang, Finance Manager

Others Present: Courtney Nicholls (City of Dexter), Mike Radzik (Ypsilanti Township)

Regular Attendees Absent: Kelly Belknap (Budget Office), Gregory Dill (County Admin), Tina Gavalier (County Finance)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM by Sheriff Jerry Clayton at the Learning Resource Center, Michigan Conference Room.

2. Citizen Participation

- a. None.

3. Pending Millage

- a. Sheriff - Tentatively he (Chair) will bring contracts to BOC in July. We have until the end of year to get them signed. Hopefully full board in August after ways means in July. This is the last contract that we could probably have with this type of financial structure. We have been talking about the financial architecture that supports police services for a couple years now; the absorbing of some cost by WCSO is coming to an end, sooner

than we had hoped. This is the first year we are concerned about making budget. Will probably have to go through other line items to make it this year. We crossed the threshold with open positions, back filling, etc. Many things coming together – now we may start struggling with the budget.

- b. BOC will meet tonight – a resolution will be presented to the board tonight to consider approximately 1 mil for 10 years – with 3 primary components
 - 1. Mental health component - we contract with CMH to provide mental health services in the jail – it would support the CMH contract to provide mental health care in the jail.
 - 2. Community corrections – they are partially funded by the state – money tied to certain population – county contributes approximately 400K – we know internal investment is huge – they have had a significant deficit for years – one more year to use fund balance then they will be under-funded.
 - 3. Grant type of thing that would go back to local unit of government – chair did a formula how that will work – part of that will be taxable value with some kind of multiplier based on whatever percentage they want to go back to the areas. Serious concern it will not pass without the third piece; the third piece also supports police services contracts by keeping future increases similar to what they are now.
- c. WCSO budget related to police services is about 19 million, we generate about 13 million in revenue which is a significant contribution. The only way to continue is a millage – that will free up 6 million from general fund for the board – that will allow board to financially support things they want to support. Everyone will want to think about what that means for each jurisdiction. If we don't get a millage it will be devastating to the county (not just police services). More of the true cost would be passed on to contracting partners – at least that is what the Sheriff believes. When BOC makes final decisions – there will be more specifics about how much/percentages/etc. County millage will be a big haul – need all hands on deck. Some areas had straight mental health only millage that passed but that alone doesn't address public safety which is correlated to police services. This is really about holding up and improving the operation of itself – not about any new buildings, etc.
 - 1. Rider – understand how it works – how do we tell our constituents to support this considering it's about rural areas supporting the urban areas. Sheriff responded if we don't- there may not be anything else to support, we may have to look at options that don't include the Sheriff's Office. If things don't change, after 2021 we have to have a new discussion with a new landscape unknown what that will be.

2. Vaillencourt – we pay dearly for a small community – how do you justify we pay that, a mil and still don't have 24/7 coverage. Going to be a tough sell – maybe the 25% back will give enough of an approval rate to carry us.
3. No plan of where that extra funds get designated – depending where those funds go may help pass it. Tough sell to Manchester – the chunk that we already give we don't utilize. Where will the county put that money?
4. Sheriff - My focus is trying to stabilize the contracting architecture and concern about it falling apart. It will be on the ballot in November. The language is due to clerk probably in August.
5. Is there a committee to work on millage – there are folks on standby to work on this once it goes through BOC. Wanted to update you – let you know this is happening tonight – good to monitor the conversation. If millage passes and committed for 10 years – in 4 years will we know what our increases be? Passing of millage will keep increases very consistent. No guarantee but my belief we continue in same trend. Has there been discussion with BOC leaders – yes – been over a year now that they've been meeting and discussing this. Focus groups show the top two priorities are mental health and public safety. That's the target for millage. Leadership has been fully engaged the entire time. Andy has taken the lead to craft this and put together and present to the board. It is our hope the board makes the decision to put it up and make the committee. Sheriff willing to push and be as public as possible.

4. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

Rider motioned to adjourn; Vaillencourt seconded.

Next Meeting:

September 9, 2017

4:00PM – 5:30PM

Learning Resource Center

4135 Washtenaw Ave.

Michigan Room

Approved by Committee: 12/11/17