

## **LAW AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Law and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beggs in the Board Conference Room on Thursday, February 11, 2021, at 10:41 a.m. via Zoom.

Present: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Walker, Mr. Christians, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Morse and Mr. Beggs.

Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator; Craig Mast; Oceana County Sheriff were also present. Mr. Jim Duram, Oceana County Emergency Management Director, was also present via zoom.

Public participation was provided via teleconference using Zoom. The online meeting ID was 826 2556 4234.

No public comments at this time.

Moved by Mr. Erickson and seconded by Mr. Hardy to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 Law and Safety Committee minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Coordinator, provided an update regarding the Indigent Defense System. She conveyed to the new Commissioners what the Indigent Defense program entailed and what had been implemented in the past three years. Dr. Moore reported that Oceana County has been in complete compliance during those three years and credited Dr. Sobie for all of his efforts regarding the organization and implementation of the plan. She enjoys that Oceana County is cooperative and easy to work with.

Dr. Sobie began discussion regarding the ambulance services agreement with Life EMS. He provided the Board with data for response times and customer satisfaction surveys for 2016 through 2020. A decision will have to be made on whether or not to continue the contract with Life EMS for an additional five years.

Mr. Beggs inquired if the physical ambulances and the property that the ambulances are housed at would become Life EMS property or be retained by the county.

Mr. Hardy believes it would be a good idea to have the renewal contract come before the board instead of auto-renewing when the time comes to decide.

Mr. Jim Duram, Oceana County Emergency Manager, began a presentation about the overview of Emergency Management and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. He described the Emergency Management Act (PA 390 of 1976) and what/how it affects each county. Mr. Duram described, in detail, what his duties are and what activities/projects he is involved in for the county.

Dr. Sobie began discussion regarding recent negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police representing Command Officers.

Moved by Mr. Beggs and seconded by Mr. Morse to enter closed session to discuss the Fraternal Order of Police union negotiations.

Roll call: Mr. Beggs – yes; Mr. Morse – yes; Mr. Hardy – yes; Mr. Christians – yes; Ms. Meyette – yes; Mr. Erickson – yes; and Mr. Walker – yes.

Motion carried.

Recessed at 11:40 a.m.

Reconvened at 11:56 a.m.

There was no public comment at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk