

## LAW AND SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

The Law and Safety Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Beggs, in the Board Conference Room of the Oceana County Courthouse on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Christians, Mr. Morse, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Meyette, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Beggs. Absent: None.

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Administrator; Mr. Jeff Stockhill, LIFE EMS; Mr. Jim Herrema, LIFE EMS; Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the January 13, 2022 Law and Safety Committee minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Move Mr. Stockhill to the end.

Moved by Mr. Meyette and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the agenda as amended.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

No public comments on agenda items at this time.

Dr. Karen Moore provided an update regarding the Indigent Defense System. Standards six and seven of the MIDC are limiting the caseload and types of cases that attorneys can take, and this has the potential to really hurt smaller jurisdictions.

Undersheriff Ryan Schiller provided an update on the Sheriff's Department's Community Foundation Partnership. Water throw bags, an AED machine for the marine division, and a loudspeaker for the hunters' safety program. The dive team truck and trailer were also replaced. In conjunction with the Youth Advisory Council, Knox Boxes are being mounted in various places around the county such as the hospital, all schools, all government buildings, the fire departments, the sheriff's department, and the Oceana County Council on Aging.

Mr. Jeff Stockhill, LIFE EMS, provided an update in reference to ambulance response times. Mr. Stockhill let the board know that there are EMT classes being offered in Fremont, and they are working with WSCC to bring more EMTs in. There are five full-time openings, and the hourly rate is being increased, by 20% in the next pay period, in an effort to combat the current shortage in EMS workers.

Mr. Jim Herrema, LIFE EMS, spoke briefly regarding the shortage of EMS workers.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments at this time.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson  
Oceana County Clerk