

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, March 10, 2022, at 10:06 a.m.

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

Also present: Dr. Sobie, Oceana County Administrator; Ms. Anderson, Oceana County Clerk; Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Administrator; Mr. John Cavanagh, Oceana's Herald-Journal correspondent; and Mr. Garry McKeen, Golden Township resident.

Moved by Mr. Morse and seconded by Mr. Christians to approve the minutes from the February 10, 2022 Law and Safety Committee minutes as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

Moved by Mr. Hardy and seconded by Mr. Walker to approve the agenda as presented.

Voice vote. Motion carried.

No public comments on agenda items at this time.

Dr. Karen Moore, Indigent Defense Administrator, provided an update regarding the Indigent Defense System. They are currently working on finding more conflict and overflow attorneys, as they recently had a case that required six attorneys, but were unable to use some of those attorneys as they had conflicts.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a resolution to approve a three-year renewal agreement with Indigent Defense Consultants. There will be a modest increase of cost in years two and three.

Dr. Sobie requested consideration of a proposed resolution to accept the recommendation of the Mason-Oceana 911 Board regarding the continued assessment of a local telephone surcharge.

Public Comment

Mr. Garry McKeen, Golden Township resident, mentioned that he has been attending Mason-Oceana 911 Board meetings for approximately the past year, and he wanted to take this opportunity to commend Sheriff Mast for his efforts on behalf of Oceana County and his accomplishments as the Chair of the Mason-Oceana 911 Board.

Dr. Karen Moore spoke about regulations that MIDC faces and also let the Board know that she would not be able to attend the next Law and Safety committee meeting, as she has a prior commitment with the Michigan State Bar.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairperson Beggs adjourned the Law and Safety Committee meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully,

Amy L. Anderson
Oceana County Clerk