

**MINUTES OF THE
JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013

At a meeting of the **Justice and Public Safety Committee**, held Tuesday, May 7, 2013, in the Board Room, on the 9th Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Vosburg-Chair, Boyle, Brown, Sabatini, Sauger, Tocco and Flynn (ex-officio).

Absent and excused was Smith.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Vosburg called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

AGENDA

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Sauger, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

MINUTES

MOTION

A motion was made by Brown, supported by Boyle, to approve the March 12 and 20, 2013 minutes of this committee, as written. **The Motion Carried.**

DISCUSSION ON MACOMB COUNTY SHERIFF PATROL CONTRACTS WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Chair Vosburg explained that one of the purposes of the meeting was to follow-up on concerns expressed by the Washington Township Supervisor at the January Full Board meeting under Public Participation and to provide a forum to promote better understanding of the issues in advance of potential future action or decisions.

The committee was provided a copy of the basic contract used between all municipalities and the Macomb County Sheriff's Department as well as copies of the current contracts with Lenox, Macomb and Washington Townships.

George Brumbaugh spoke about the use of the agreement and attachments with municipalities. A boiler plate agreement is generally used for all municipalities; items that are unique are the number of patrol deputies and length of the contracts. The actual costs and expenses are determined by the Finance Department and Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Wickersham explained how staffing level is determined. Criteria considered include number of calls for service, volume of traffic incidences in the area and what the municipality can afford.

The following commissioners asked questions of Sheriff Wickersham: Brown and Flynn.

Dan O'Leary, Washington Township Supervisor, spoke about the township's current contract with the Sheriff's Department and outlined some issues and concerns. Concerns include having to finance the road patrol services for four communities that do not pay and significant lag times.

The following commissioners spoke: Tocco, Brown, Sabatini, Sauger, Boyle and Flynn.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dan O'Leary, 60148 Miriam Drive, Washington Township

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

A motion was made by Tocco, supported by Sabatini, to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**



Corinne Bedard
Committee Reporter