

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 26, 2022

METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY BUILDING
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The Regular Meeting of the Metro Police Authority of Genesee County was called to order by the Board Chairman, David Krueger, on October 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone, and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

David Krueger requested that Janette MacAinsh do a roll call of members present.

Present: David Krueger, Cory Bostwick, Dennis Cramer, David Witter, and Rae Lynn Hicks. Tonya Ketzler, and Vane King were absent.

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Sgt. Steve McFadden, Administrative Assistant, Janette MacAinsh, Shawna Farrell, CPA, and Swartz Creek City Manager Adam Zettel, and Swartz Creek City Council Member, Nate Henry.

MINUTES

David Krueger presented the Minutes from the September 28, 2022, meeting and asked for a motion. Dennis Cramer made a motion to accept the minutes; Cory Bostwick supported the motion. David Krueger asked if there were any changes, and hearing none, asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

AGENDA

David Krueger asked Chief Bade if there were any changes to the agenda as presented. Chief Bade asked that under letter C, to add C1 – MERS Addendum for Comp Time. David Krueger asked for a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dennis Cramer made a motion to accept the amended agenda with the addition of C1 Comp Time; David Witter supported the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

I. Reports and Communications to the Authority

David Krueger indicated he has not received any communications. David Krueger added in future meetings official meeting all is well.

Chief Bade indicated that he and Chad Young had a request from Paul Fortino at Gaines Township for security for the Board Meetings, and also Code Enforcement. Chief Bade reported to the Gaines Township Supervisor that Metro did not have the personnel to provide those services.

Chief Bade also related that he, Chad Young, and Adam Zettel were having a meeting with the City of Perry and Village of Morrice regarding how the Authority was formed.

II. Business Items:

A. MPA Activity

Sgt. McFadden reported an incident of catalytic converter thefts. Sgt. McFadden stated that Officer Ogle and Officer Kennedy responded to the call, and en route Officer Kennedy drove by a business and saw a vehicle occupied by 4 people, and was able to turn around. Sgt. McFadden stated that Officer Kennedy tried to block the car in, but they drove through the ditch, and there was a pursuit that ended on westbound I-69, where they were able to detain 3 of the people. Sgt. McFadden stated that, MSP K9 was on scene tracking, and reported they had the suspect. Sgt. McFadden said when Officer Kennedy ran in to assist, the suspect ran out, with Officer Kennedy chasing him. Sgt. McFadden said because Officer Kennedy was close to the suspect, the entry device on the vehicle key fob enabled the suspect to gain entry into the cruiser, who then drove it through the UPS fence, driving off. Sgt. McFadden stated that the vehicle was located in the City of Flint. Sgt. McFadden added that the driver was apprehended last week.

Sgt. McFadden said Officer Montney and Officer Kennedy responded to the call from a woman who asked that her husband be called because she was going to kill herself. Sgt. McFadden reported that Officer Montney located the woman at a church, sitting in an open field with a gun. Sgt. McFadden praised Officer Montney for the great job he did in handling the woman, and in getting her to give up the gun, and herself. Discussion held.

B. CONTRACTS

1. Support Staff

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Chief Bade. Chief Bade presented the Support Staff contract proposal for the evidence tech and dispatcher/clerk, and explained that it closely mirrors the officer and command staff contracts, with a difference of adding the Veterans Day holiday. Chief Bade said he also eliminated the administrative assistant position from the bargaining unit, and made it a confidential position which is part of the second contract being proposed. Chief Bade said the position entails a lot of work which impacts what they are bargaining, and has direct contact with disciplinary issues, including access to all personnel and medical files, and confidential matters. Chief Bade said he went back and looked at the Interlocal Agreement, which defined the position as an appointment by the Chief, and said the position should never have been included in the bargaining unit. Chief Bade said he is correcting the separation now.

David Krueger said they would take up each Contract separately, and asked if there were any questions. David Witter asked about item #5 Pandemic Leave of Absence, and questioned if it should be worded pandemic instead of COVID-19. Discussion held. Rae Lynn Hicks suggested wording such as COVID-19/emerging infectious pandemic.

David Witter made a motion to change the wording to refer to any future pandemic; Dennis Cramer seconded the motion. David Krueger said the motion was to drop COVID-19. David Witter said his motion was to approve the wording with the idea COVID-19 refers to any future pandemic. Chief Bade suggested wording be added such as, COVID-19, and or any future pandemic. David Witter said that was his motion.

David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

David Krueger pointed out that the contract also says that it applies during the testing period, and asked what happens after the test results. Chief Bade explained the 60 hours would apply as long as they have to be off as determined by the CDC, and that if they have COVID twice, and they've used

their 60 hours, then time off would fall back on their sick time. Discussion held. Chief Bade suggested adding the wording, “and any time period required with a positive test.” David Krueger moved that the language be changed. Chief Bade said the wording would say, “This bank applies only to the period of time an employee must quarantine prior to or during the waiting period for COVID-19 test results, and any time period required with a positive test.”. David Witter supported the motion.

David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

David Witter said he had a second question, about whether the administrative assistant position was a member of the union, and if the new position is on its own or unionized too. Chief Bade said the position was on its own. David Witter asked what recourse there would be if there was a disagreement. Chief Bade said the position was an at-will, appointed, confidential employee position. Chief Bade said the Chief has to trust the Executive Secretary, and that’s the nature of that position as a confidential employee. Discussion held.

David Krueger noted the changes to section 5, and requested a roll-call vote on each of the contracts.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote for approval of the Support Staff contract:

Cory Bostwick – Yes	David Krueger – Yes
Dennis Cramer – Yes	Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Absent	David Witter – Yes

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

2. Executive Secretary

Chief Bade said the Executive Secretary position mirrors the support staff contract, with a differential in pay. Chief Bade said there aren’t many positions, if any, that are like this position. Board discussion held. David Witter made a motion to approve the new contract; Dennis Cramer supported the motion.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote for approval of the Executive Secretary contract:

Tonya Ketzler – Absent	David Krueger – Yes
Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes	Dennis Cramer – Yes
David Witter – Yes	Cory Bostwick – Yes

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

C. FINANCIALS

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who reviewed the financial statements and transaction list for the Board. Discussion held. David Krueger requested a motion to approve the financials and transaction list. David Witter moved to accept the financials and check register; Rae Lynn Hicks supported the motion.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Dennis Cramer – Yes
Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes
David Witter – Yes

David Krueger – Yes
Cory Bostwick – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Absent

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

C1. MERS ADDENDUM FOR COMP TIME

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Chief Bade. Chief Bade explained that the Board had looked at this Addendum in June when the K-9 payout was added. Chief Bade explained that PTO and sick payouts are included, but Comp Time is not checked, and that some employees choose to take it as a payout and MERS deductions are taken. Board discussion.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote:

Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes
Cory Bostwick – Yes
David Krueger – Yes

David Witter – Yes
Dennis Cramer – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Absent

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

D. FANG/GAIN

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer who reported that he didn't have anything additional to add to the report.

E. Donations

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Dennis Cramer. Dennis Cramer reported that he still has a lot of signs to sell. David Krueger stated that any money raised was turned over to the Storms family. Dennis Cramer said the next Chili cookoff fundraiser is in February.

F. MPA Expansion

David Krueger said he has not heard anything about expansion.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Nate Henry thanked Chief Bade for help on the catalytic convertors.

Adam Zettel said he was glad to hear that cameras were coming. Adam Zettel asked if the comp time was deferred overtime. Shawna Farrell explained that it was overtime for time that was worked.

IV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Cory Bostwick reminded everyone that November 8th is a big election, and she appreciates that officers will be around.

Cory Bostwick expressed her concern about Rankin Elementary pickup, and that she had talked to the Principal who said he would address the problem.

David Krueger asked if there were a lot of residents casting absentee ballots. Both Cory Bostwick and Rae Lynn Hicks said yes.

Dennis Cramer said he would be working the 38th Precinct in the City of Flint on election day. Dennis Cramer thanked the department for the work they do.

Rae Lynn Hicks said it was Fraud Awareness Week. Chief Bade said he had given the assignment to Christine Lutz, and noted that she is very nervous. Rae Lynn Hicks said they would give her a script to read from. Rae Lynn Hicks added a great job was being done, and thanked everyone for answering the questions.

V. ADJOURN

David Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Dennis Cramer made a motion to adjourn; Cory Bostwick seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Adjourn: 12:11 p.m.