

MINUTES OF THE METRO POLICE AUTHORITY OF GENESEE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2023

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 November 21, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. David Krueger welcomed everyone, and asked Tonya Ketzler to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Also Present: Chief Matt Bade, Lt. Michael Murphy, Finance Director/CPA, Shawna Farrell City of Swartz Creek Manager, Adam Zettel, Mundy Township Manager, Chad Young, and Executive Secretary, Janette MacAinsh.

MINUTES

David Krueger presented the Minutes from the October 25, 2023 meeting and asked for a motion. David Witter made a motion to accept the minutes; Tonya Ketzler seconded 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 indicated he had no changes. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to approve the agenda; Nate Henry seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

I. Reports and Communications to the Authority

David Krueger said as always, everything is going well.

II. Business Items:

A. MPA Activity

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Chief Matthew Bade. Chief Bade reported that the Michigan Legislature will not be taking any action on the salvage inspection fees Bill until January.

Chief Bade reported that the suspect in the robbery at China Star in Swartz Creek, has been arrested. Chief Bade addressed the negative comments being made on social media explaining that the restaurant owner did not immediately contact 911, but once the call was dispatched, Metro Police were on scene in 16 -17 minutes. Chief Bade added that within 2 hours of being dispatched, the vehicle was located in Flint, the suspect was arrested, and moved to the Genesee County Jail

Chief Bade announced that during “No Shave November”, \$320 was raised for the Miracle League.

Lt. Murphy reported that 18 shifts have been added for OHSP where they will be targeting speeders, and Metro will be able to stay in their own jurisdiction.

B. Financials

David Krueger turned the meeting over to Shawna Farrell who reviewed the financial statements for January through August for the Board, as well as the transaction list, and indicated that 83% is the target number, adding that some of the items will be corrected with the budget amendment. Discussion held. Tonya Ketzler made a motion to accept the financials and transaction list; Nate Henry supported the motion. Board discussion.

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

Cory Bostwick – Absent	David Krueger – Yes
Nate Henry – Yes	Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes
Tonya Ketzler – Yes	David Witter – Yes

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

1. 2023 Budget Amendment

David Krueger asked David Witter to read the Resolution Adopting the 2023 Amended Budget #1, which David Witter read. Nate Henry seconded the motion. Shawna Farrell reviewed the amended budget items, and answered questions. Board discussion.

Shawna Farrell said that she will show in the reports the breakdown for overtime, for Hometown Days, and OHSP, which are reimbursed.

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

Tonya Ketzler – Yes	David Krueger – Yes
Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes	Nate Henry – Yes
David Witter – Yes	Cory Bostwick – Absent

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

2. 2024 Budget Approval

David Krueger asked Rae Lynn Hicks to read the Resolution Adopting the 2024 Budget. David Witter supported the motion.

Shawna Farrell reviewed the 2024 proposed budget, and spoke to the Board about the 2023 surplus funds, \$99,000 of which are restricted for now. Board discussion about budget items. There was further Board discussion about whether to reimburse the municipalities, or make an adjustment. Shawna Farrell added that there could be a variation of those ideas, and whether the municipalities want to see a credit in 2023, or a reduction for 2024. Nate Henry said that in future budgets it will look like there was barely an increase, and then next year a large increase, and unless someone is looking at the footnotes on the budget, they won't realize why there was a change. Nate Henry said that for continuity year to year, it may be better to reimburse. Board discussion. Chief Bade suggested that the Board take a short break while Shawna Farrell reviewed some numbers.

Break at 11:55 a.m.

Resume at 12:10 p.m.

Shawna Farrell said the question was how much would need to be rolled over from the \$250,000 surplus, to get a 4% increase for 2024. Shawna Farrell said \$180,805 would need to be rolled over, leaving \$77,912 for the Board decide whether to roll it over to 2025, or split it up to see an estimated 4% increase. Shawna Farrell said for 2025, if \$77,912 is rolled over, then the percentage increase from 2024 to 2025 is estimated to be about 5.83%, which will be a little larger increase, but won't have a negative 2024, and 12% increase in 2025. Board questions. Shawna Farrell said by doing this the average per year at the end of 2024 will be 3.59%, and then with the 2025 estimate it will jump up to 3.87% for that average per year. Nate Henry said he would rather see the numbers be whatever they are each year. Chief Bade said he believes there is value in when people ask the cost of the Authority since inception, and the average increase year to year is less than 4%, especially with inflationary increases. Board discussion. Shawna Farrell said it hadn't been decided what to do with the surplus, so when she reviewed the numbers at the break, the question about whether to keep the 2023 to 2024 increase to 4%, how much money would need to be rolled over, and that if only half is rolled back, the PPU costs will be over 5.3%. Tonya Ketzler asked if this decision about the surplus needed to be made today. Shawna Farrell said the decision has to be made by the end of the year. Tonya Ketzler requested that Shawna Farrell show, in writing, the possible results of the different scenarios of refunding the surplus, or rolling it over in part, or in whole.

Chief Bade addressed the Board regarding the 2024 proposed budget that includes the funds for a new detective position. Chief Bade said that the Detectives are overwhelmed. Chief Bade explained that there were 2 full-time and 1 part-time Detectives when the Authority was formed, and that COVID helped drop the number of cases. Chief Bade added there has been an increase in serious crime, and an increase in technological needs. Chief Bade said for him, this is important, and he also has the opportunity to hire a couple of really good candidates, and doesn't want to miss out on that opportunity. Tonya Ketzler said that they have never been against having another Detective, and that's a given to stop crime from coming our way. Board

discussion. David Krueger asked if the budget could be passed, and decide about the surplus next month. Chad Young said that there are 2 things – what to do with the surplus, and whether to pass the 2024 Budget Resolution. Nate Henry added that the Board should pass the budget as it is, and amend the Resolution, and change the \$4, 895,920 of revenue to \$5,154,637 to match the expenditures and then decide at the next meeting whether to have a Resolution to keep the \$258,000 surplus or send it back to the municipalities. Further Board discussion. Shawna Farrell said that the Resolution Adopting the 2024 budget in Section 1 Title, the expenditures would stay the same, but the revenues would be changed to reflect the same figure, that way it balances. Nate Henry said his only question would be whether the Mundy Township and Swartz Creek numbers should be increased to reflect the same.

Nate Henry made a motion to Amend Resolution Section 1 Revenues to \$5,154.637, and amend the attached budget to change the Police Services-Mundy to \$2,950,228, and Swartz Creek Police Services to \$1,263,795; Rae Lynn Hicks seconded the motion. Board discussion. Shawna Farrell at the next meeting she would be bringing back to the Board, 3 scenarios, a 50% refund and 50% carryover to 2024, a 4% increase to 2024, and refund the rest, a 4% increase to 2024, and we rollover the remaining to future years.

David Krueger asked Janette MacAinsh to do a roll call vote on the Motion to Amend the Resolution Adopting the Amended Budget:

Nate Henry – Yes	David Krueger – Yes
Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes	Tonya Ketzler – No
David Witter – Yes	Cory Bostwick – Absent

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Rae Lynn Hicks – Yes	David Witter – Yes
Cory Bostwick – Absent	Nate Henry – Yes
David Krueger – Yes	Tonya Ketzler – No

MOTION CARRIED.

C. FANG/GAIN

David Krueger presented the FANG/GAIN report for questions or comments, and there were none.

D. MPA Expansion

David Krueger said there is nothing new to report adding that we'll have to see what the Legislature does about pension funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chad Young wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

III. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Rae Lynn Hicks wished everyone a nice holiday.

Nate Henry announced a chamber even called Whatchamacallit on December 8th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tonya Ketzler asked who does the dry cleaning. Chief Bade said that it was Champs who took over the old Troy dry cleaners, and that they are located in Clarkston. Tonya Ketzler asked when was the last time the service was bid out, and that Jan's would come right to the office. Chief Bade said to have her call him.

Tonya Ketzler also thanked Lt Murphy for showing up at meetings.

David Krueger wished everyone a great holiday weekend.

David Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. David Witter made a motion to adjourn; Nate Henry seconded the motion. David Krueger asked for a vote on the motion.

MOTION CARRIED, unanimously.

Adjourn: 1:24 p.m.